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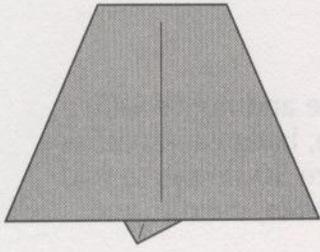
# Introduction

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly . . ." Decorate your Christmas Tree and house with fun, easy origami ornaments. You can put a star or angel on top of the tree, hang candy canes from branches, and even fold a stocking to hang by the fireplace. Here are 30 simple-to-fold models that will provide hours of holiday fun. You will also find a snowman, candle, and even Santa Claus himself in this joyful collection of Christmas origami.

The diagrams are drawn in the international Randlett-Yoshizawa style which is easy to follow once you have learned the basic folds. Origami paper is colored on one side and white on the other. In the diagrams, the shading represents the colored side. Origami paper can be found in many hobby shops or purchased by mail from OrigamiUSA, 15 West 77th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192 or from Dover Publications, Inc., 31 East 2nd Street, Mineola, NY 11501. Large sheets are easier to use than small ones.

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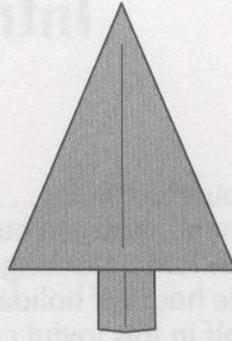
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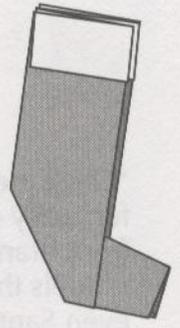
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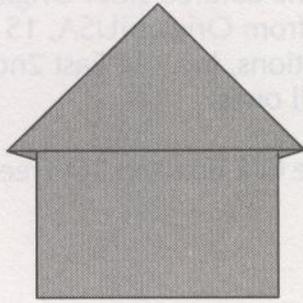
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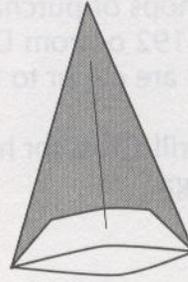
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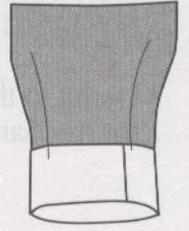
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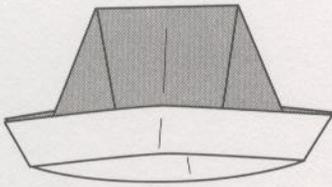
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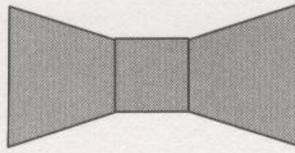
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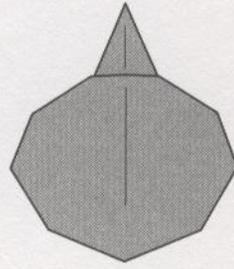
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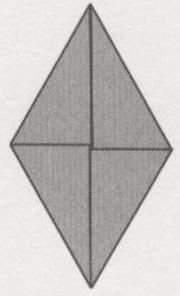
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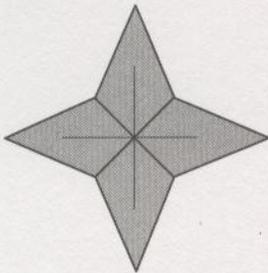
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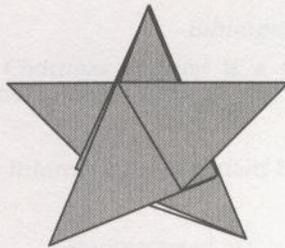
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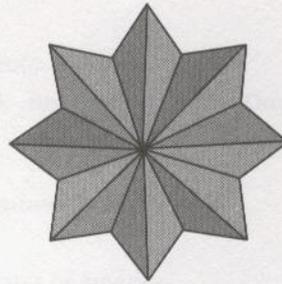
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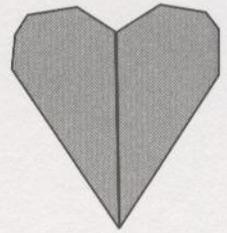
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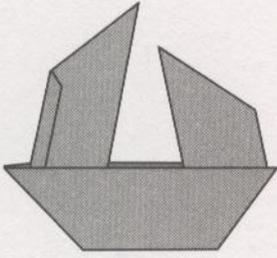
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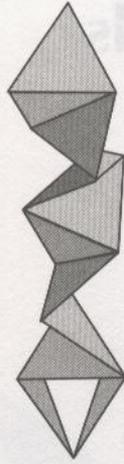
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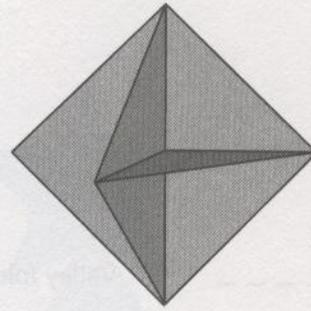
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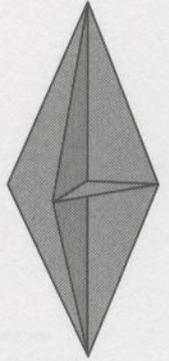
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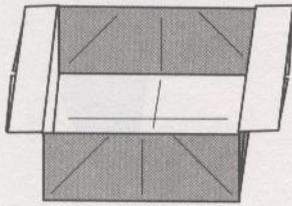
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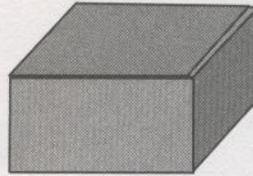
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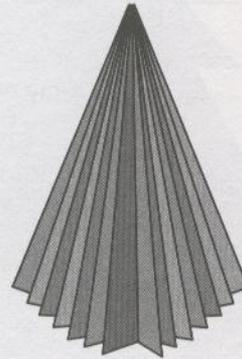
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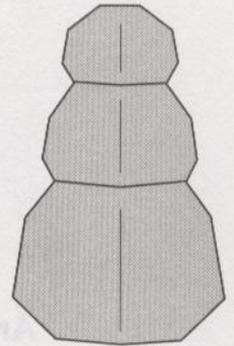
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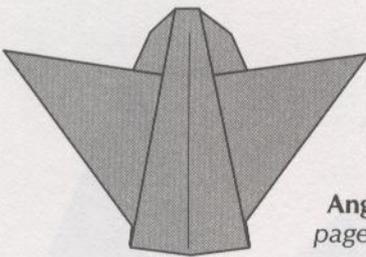
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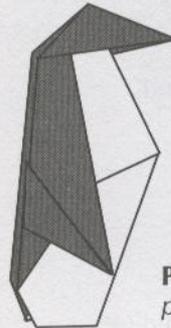
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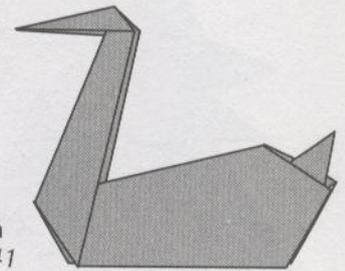
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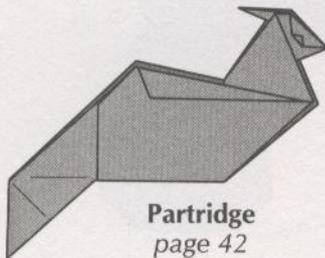
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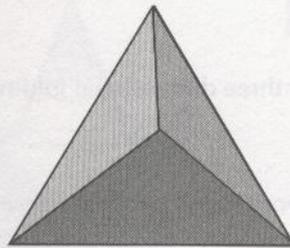
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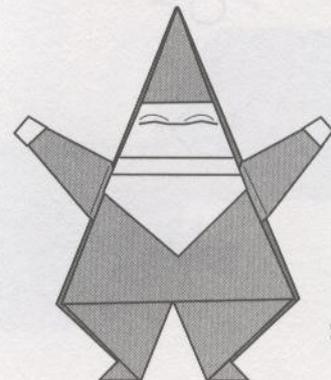
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# Symbols

## Lines



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Mountain fold, fold behind.

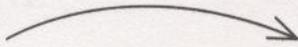


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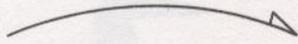


X-ray or guide line.

## Arrows



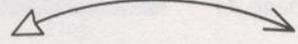
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Fold behind.



Unfold.



Fold and unfold.



Turn over.



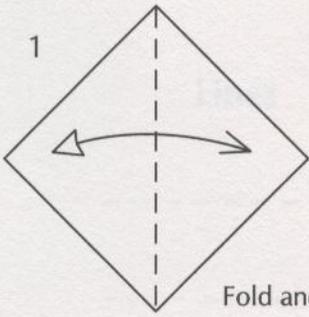
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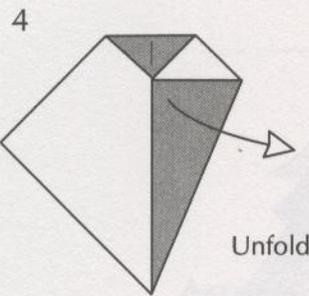
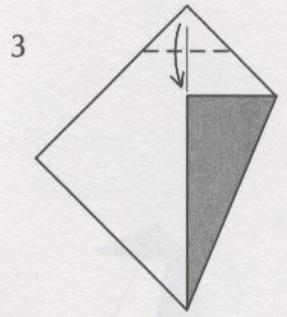
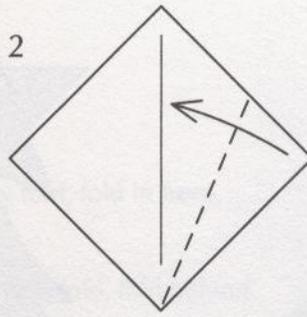
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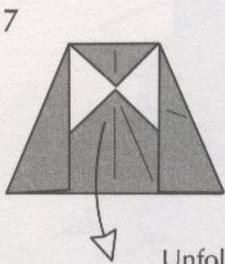
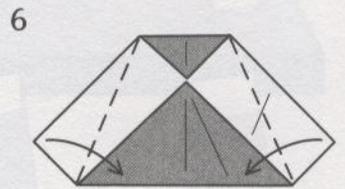
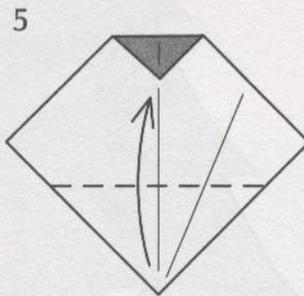
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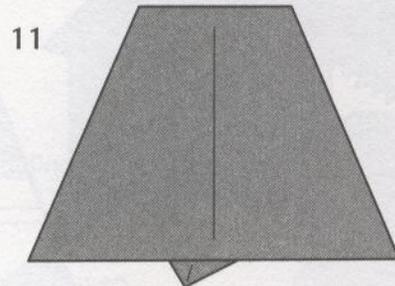
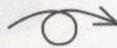
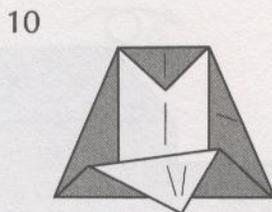
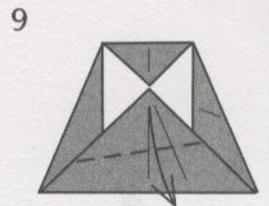
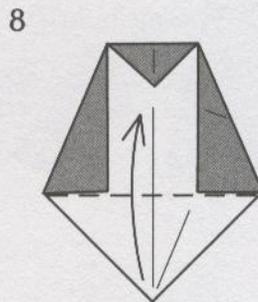
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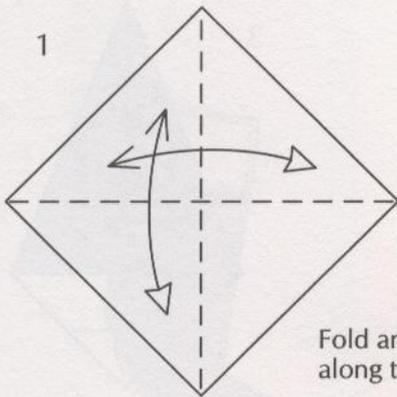


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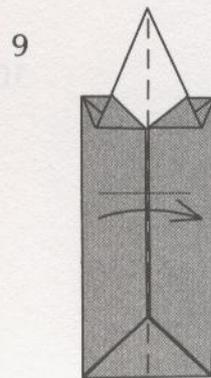
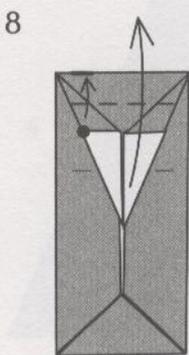
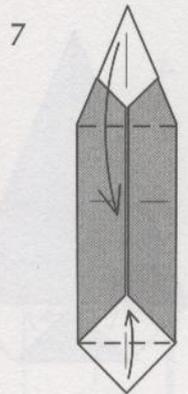
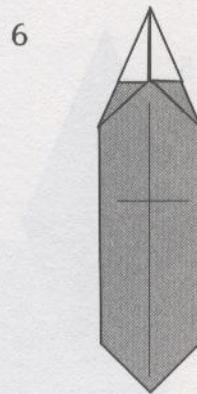
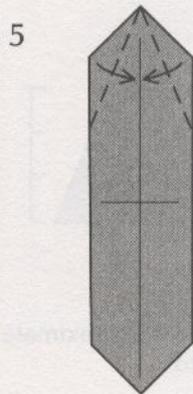
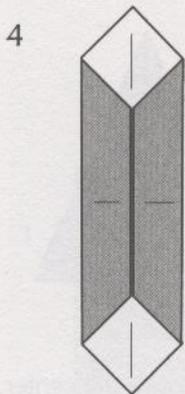
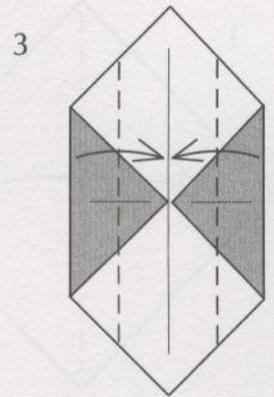
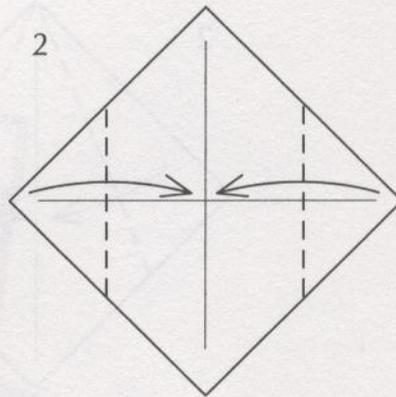


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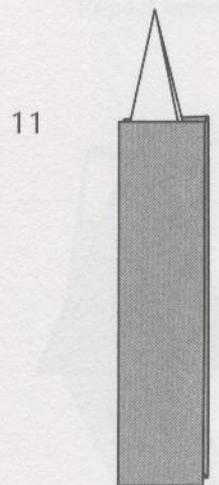
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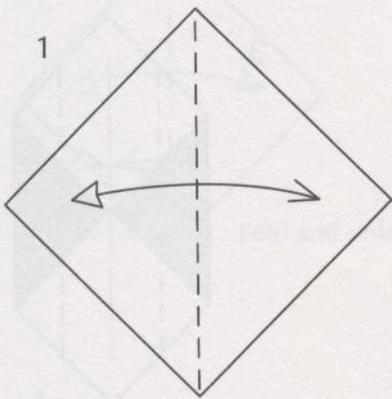


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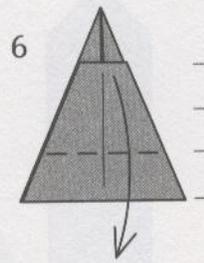
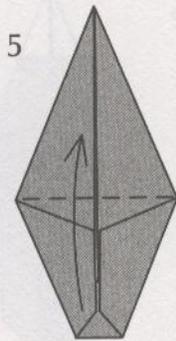
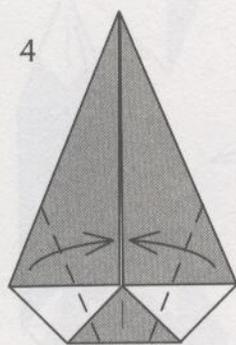
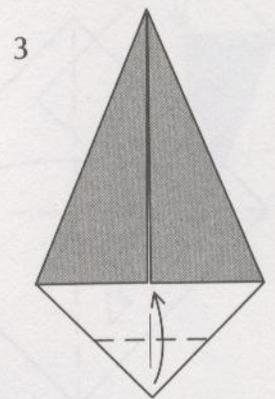
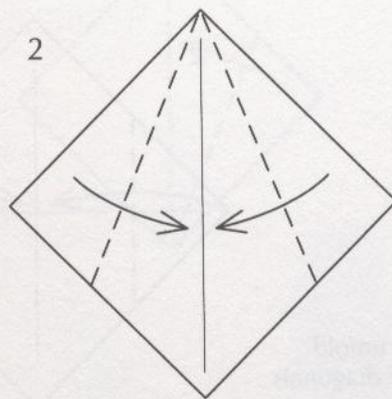


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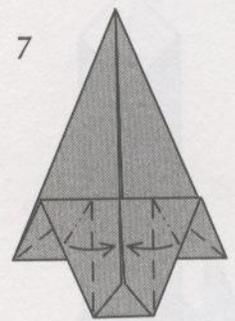
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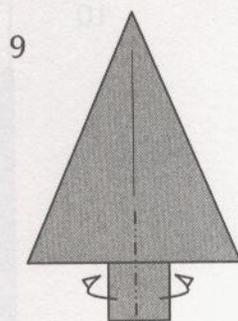
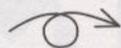
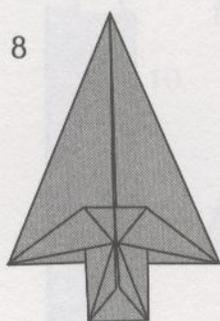
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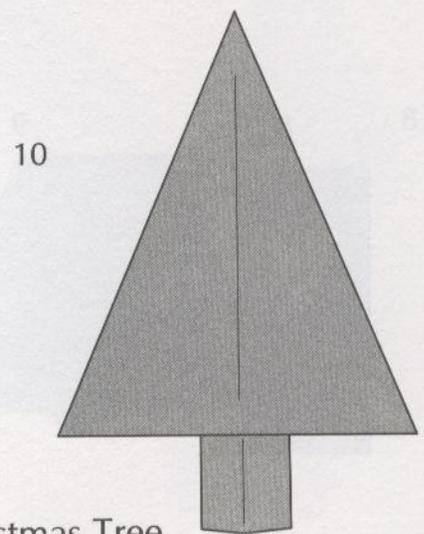
Fold down approximately one third.



Fold towards the center.

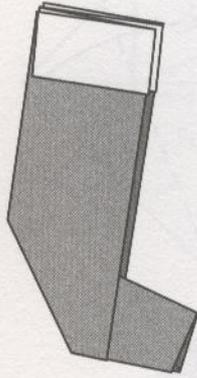
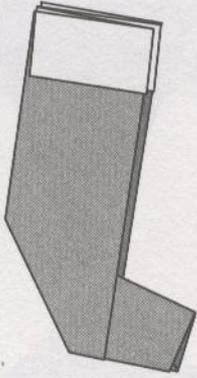


Bend slightly so the tree can stand.

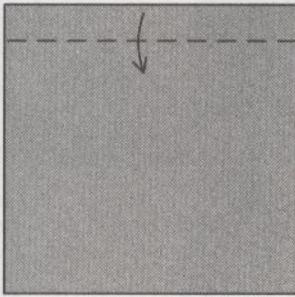


Christmas Tree

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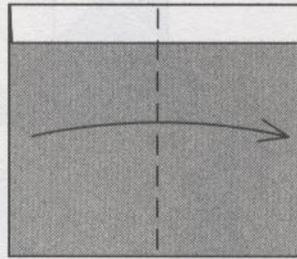


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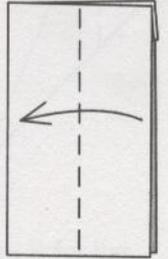


Fold a strip down. The size can vary.

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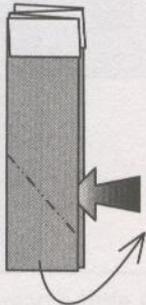


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Repeat behind.

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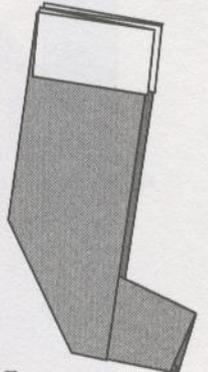
Fold between the layers.  
The location can vary.

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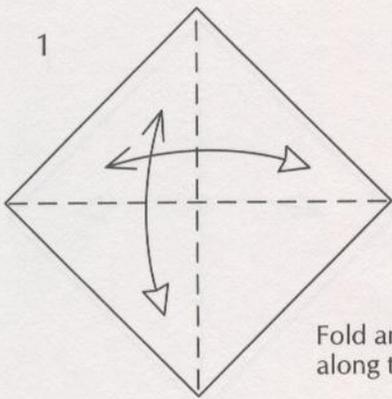
Fold inside.  
Repeat behind.

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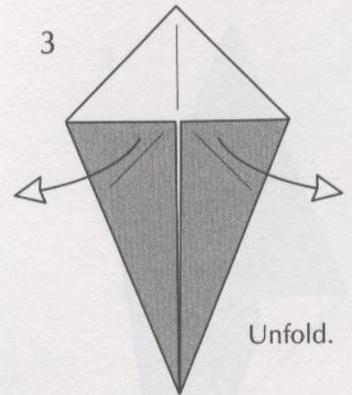
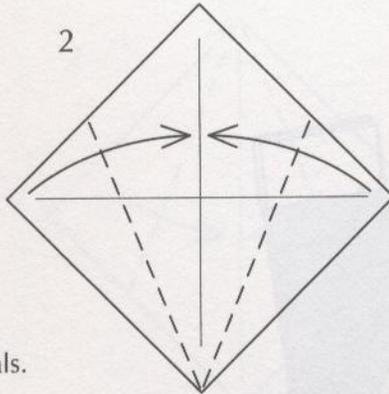


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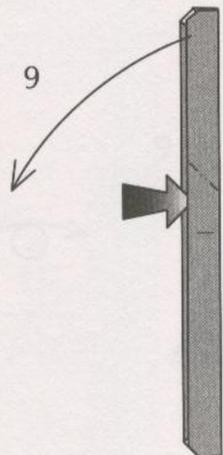
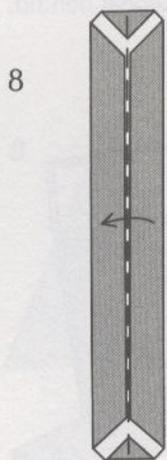
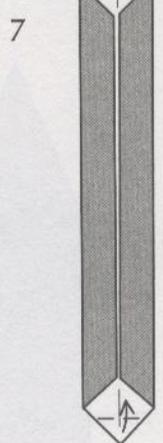
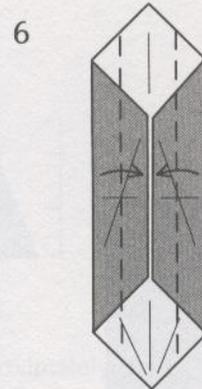
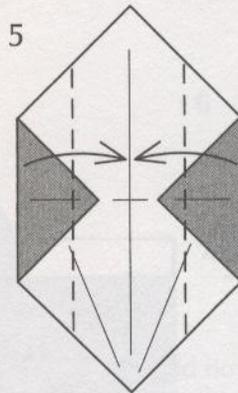
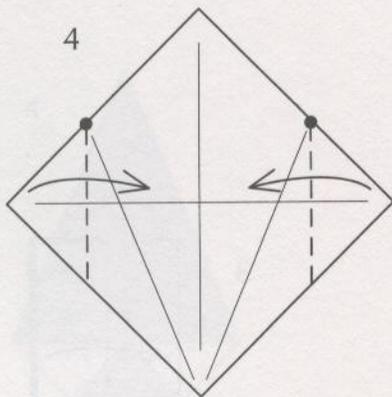
# Candy Cane



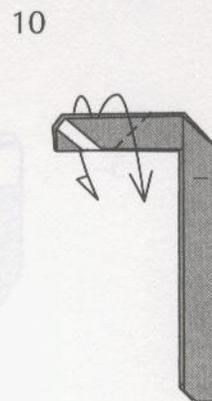
Fold and unfold  
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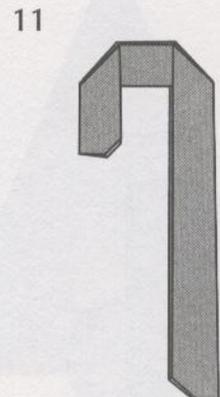
Unfold.



Fold between the layers.

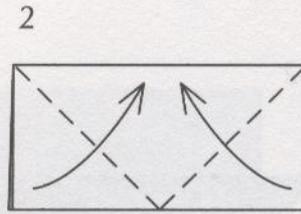
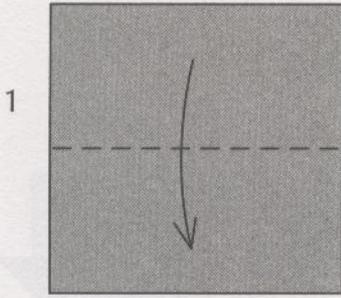


Spread to wrap around  
on both sides at the top.

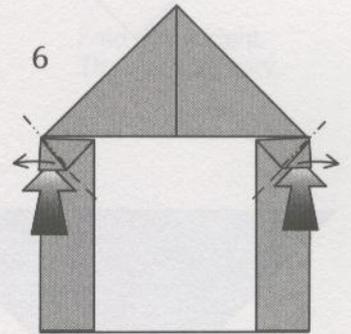
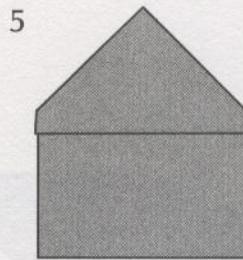
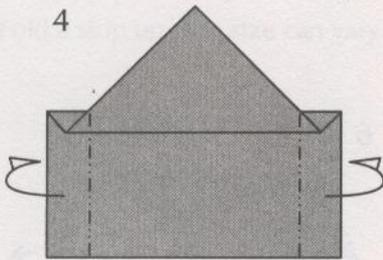
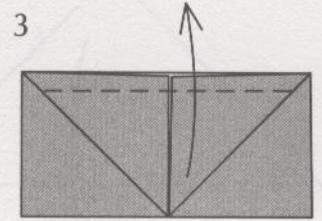


Candy Cane

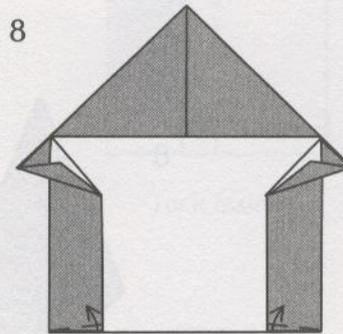
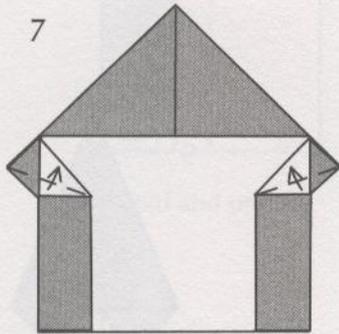
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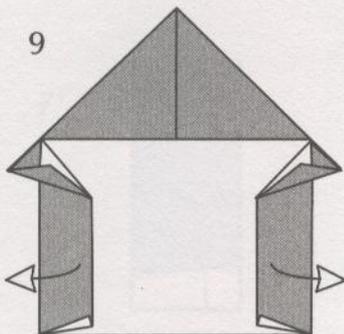
Fold the top layer.



Open and spread on each side.



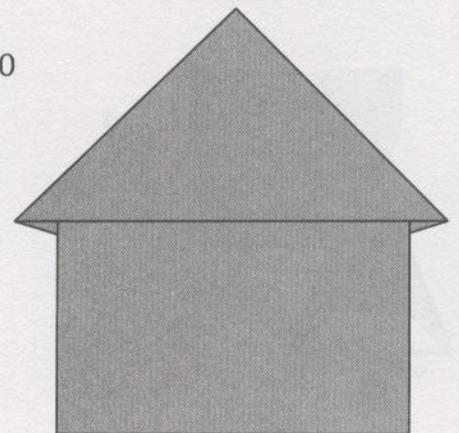
Fold a thin layer up. This is for the model to stand. It can be adjusted.



Spread a little so the model can stand.

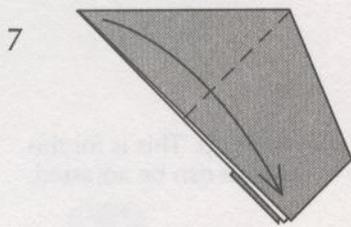
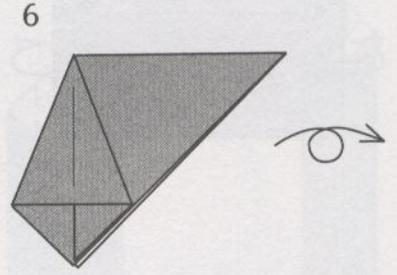
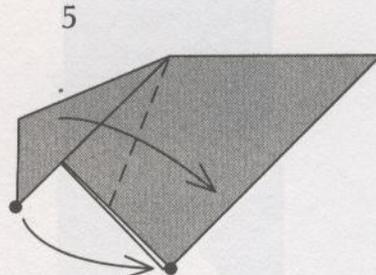
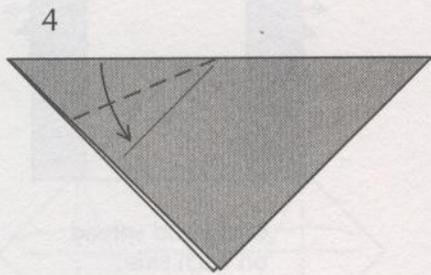
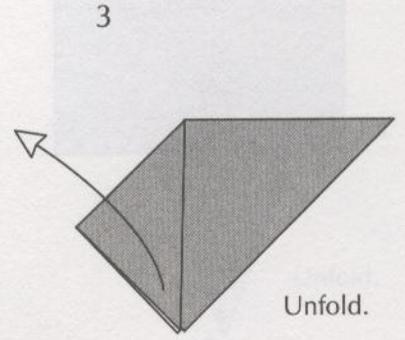
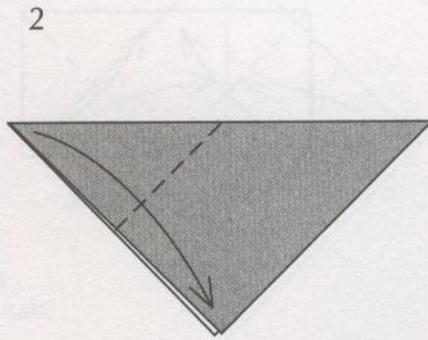
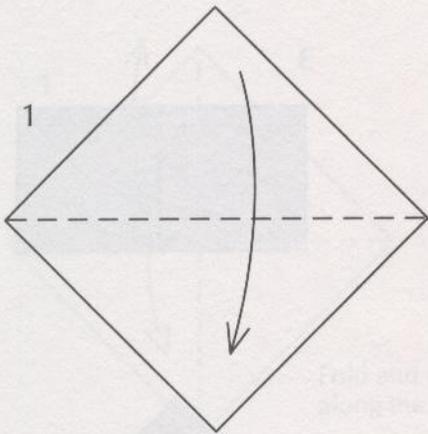


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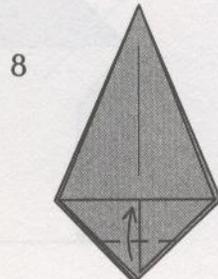


House

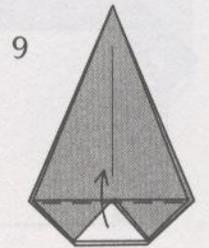
# Santa's Cap



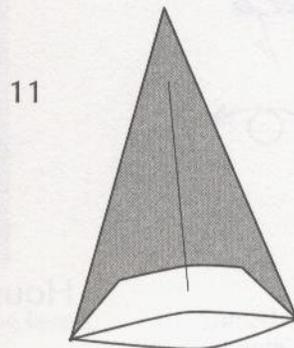
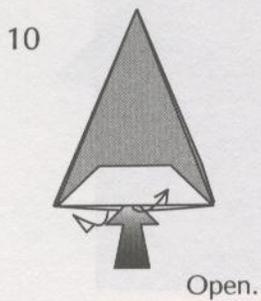
Repeat steps 2–5.



Repeat behind.



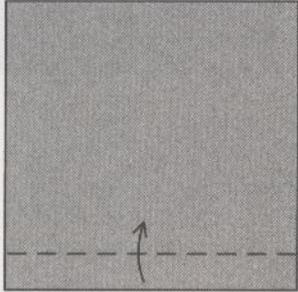
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Santa's Cap

# Chef's Hat

1

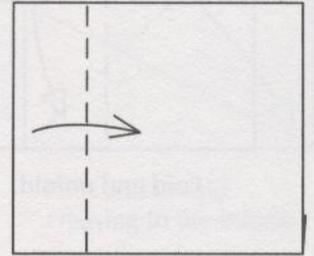


Fold a strip up. The size can vary.

2

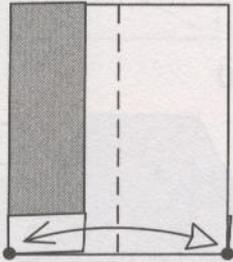


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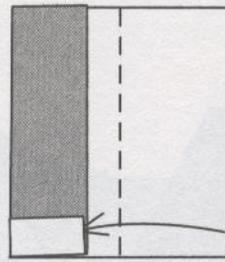
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4



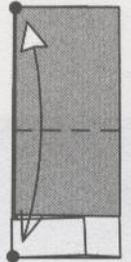
Fold and unfold.

5



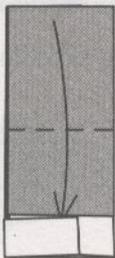
Tuck inside.

6



Fold and unfold.

7



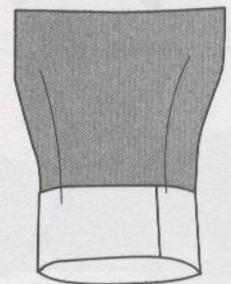
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8



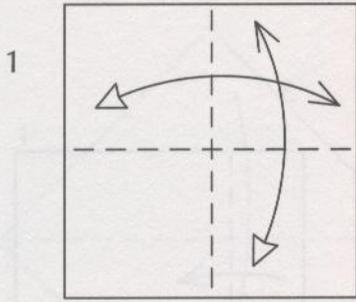
Open.

9

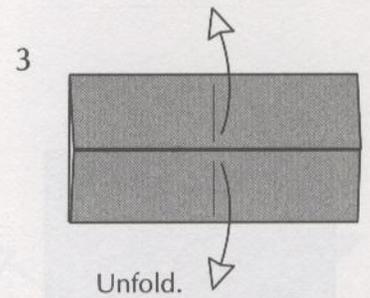
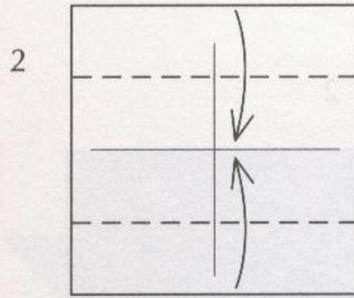


Chef's Hat

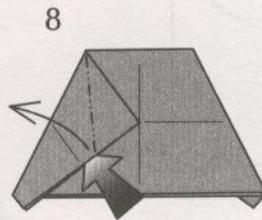
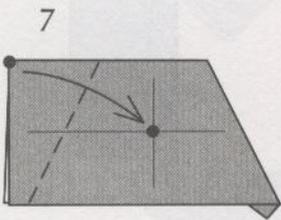
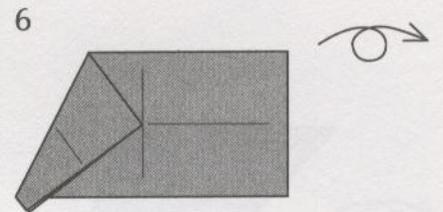
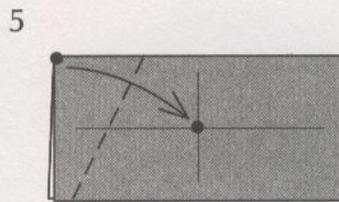
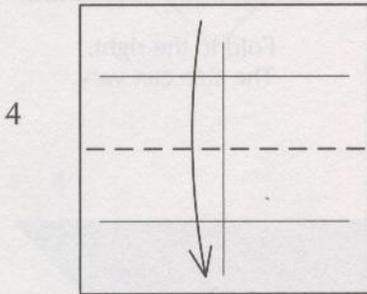
# Hat



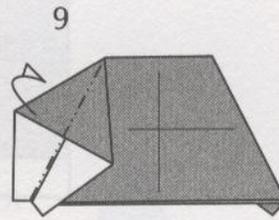
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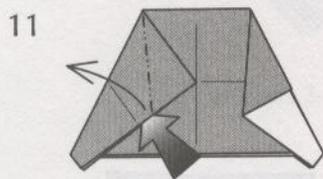
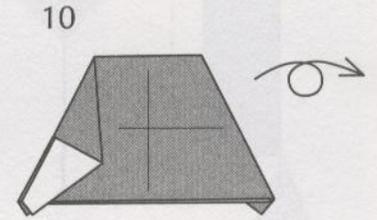
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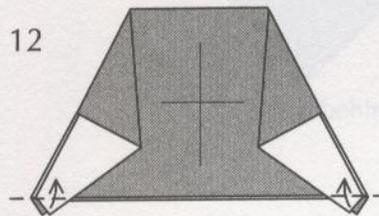
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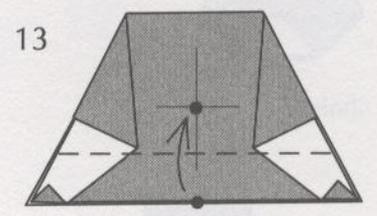
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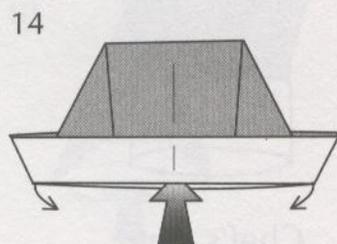
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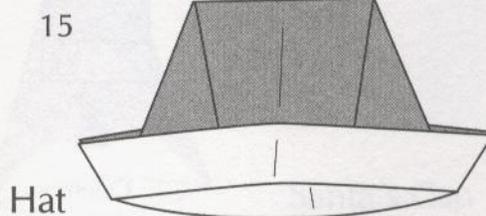
Fold up and repeat behind.



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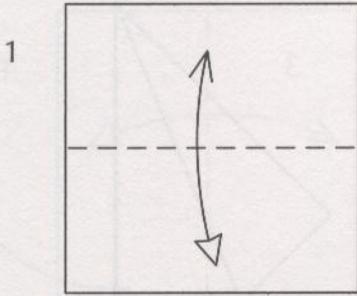


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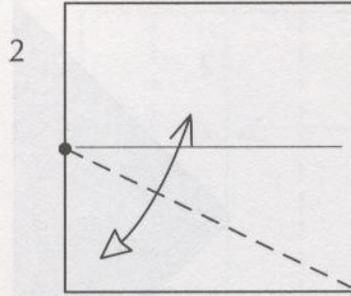


Hat

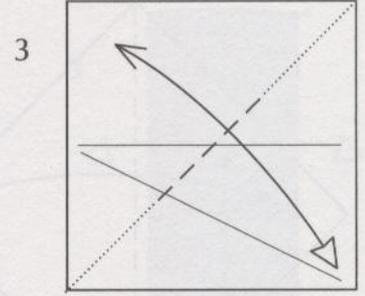
# Child's Bow Tie



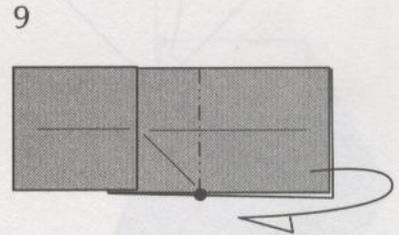
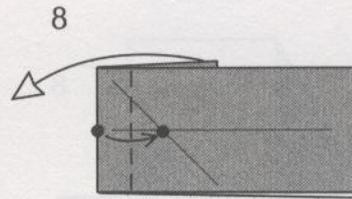
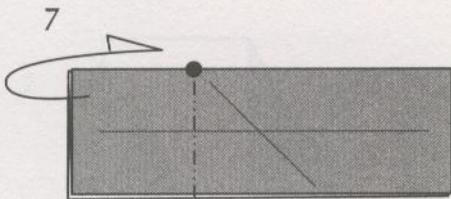
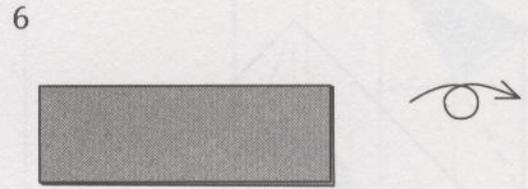
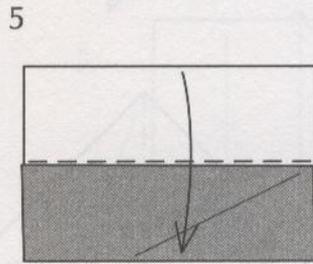
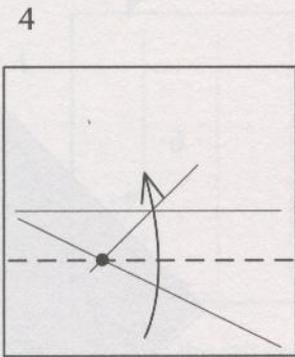
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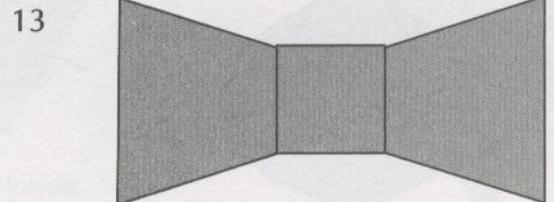
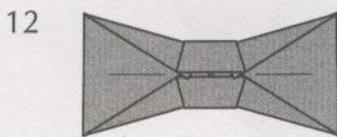
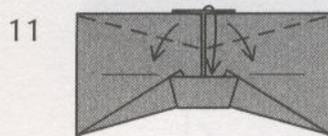
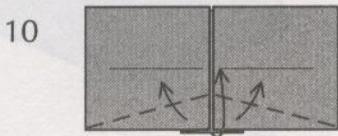
Fold and unfold.



Fold and unfold  
creasing in the middle.

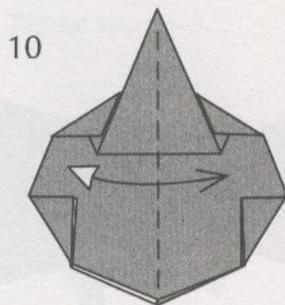
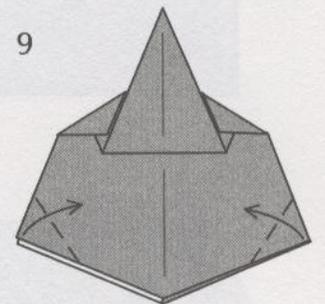
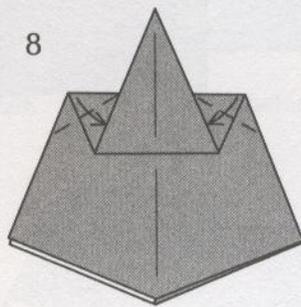
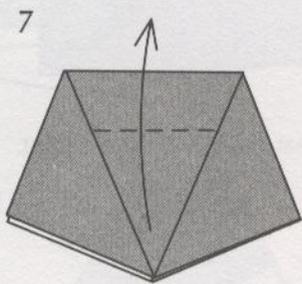
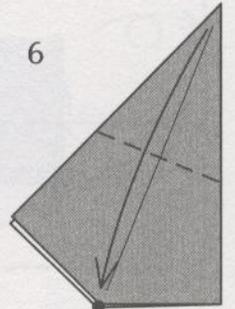
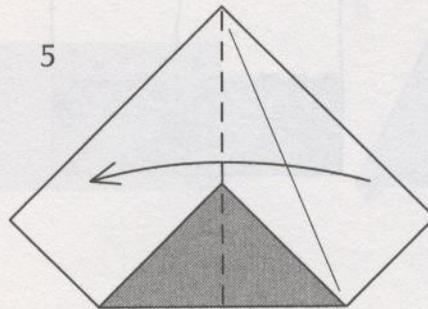
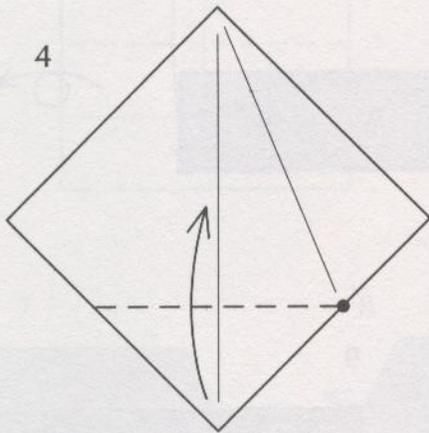
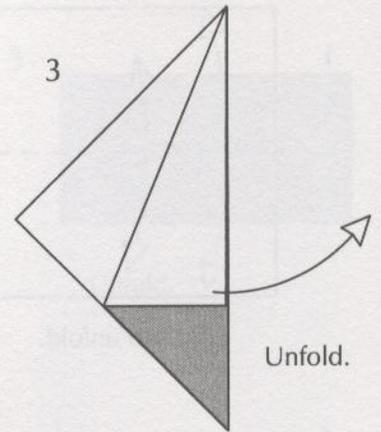
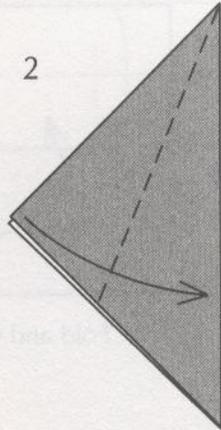
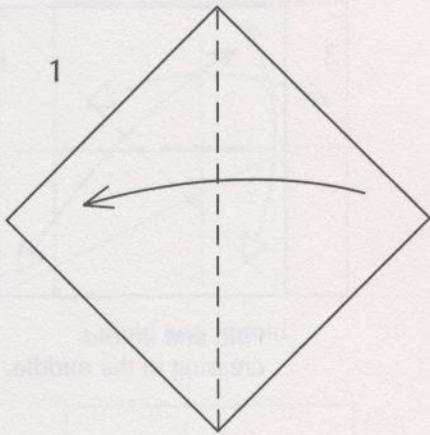


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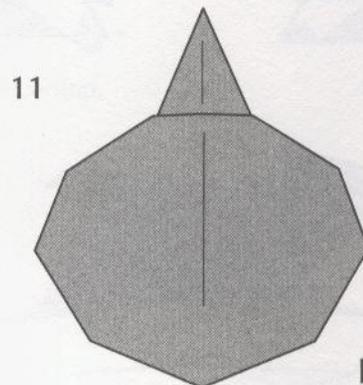


Child's Bow Tie

# Bauble

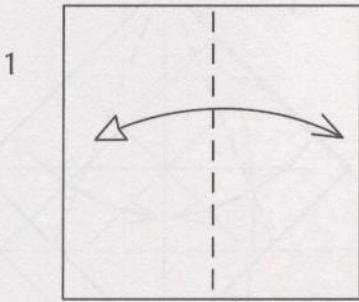


Fold and unfold, then turn over.

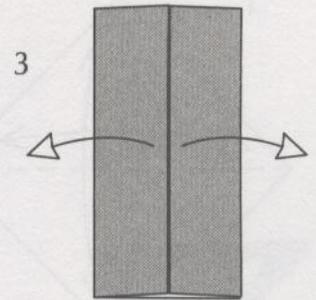
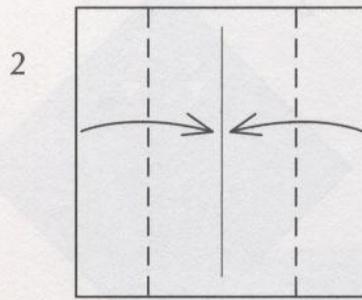


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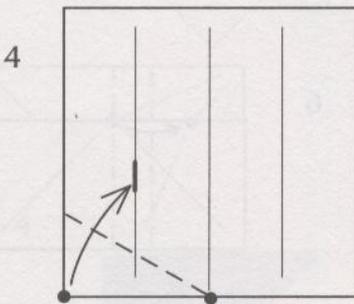
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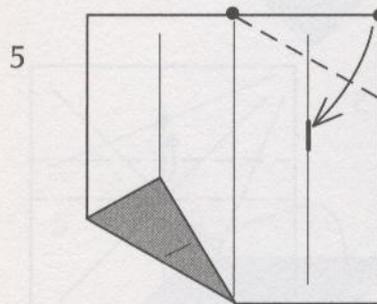
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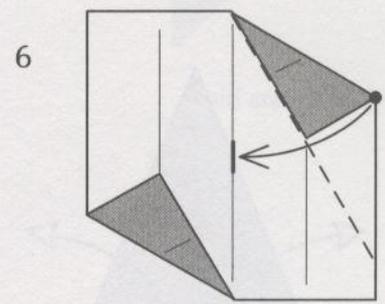
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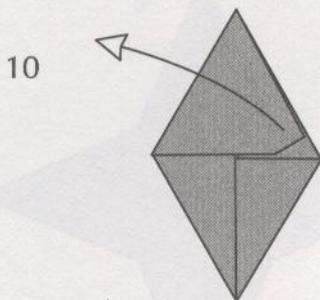
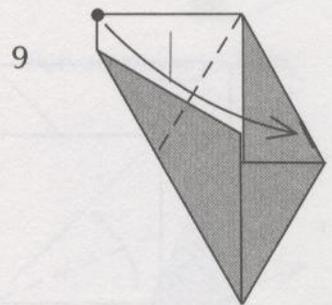
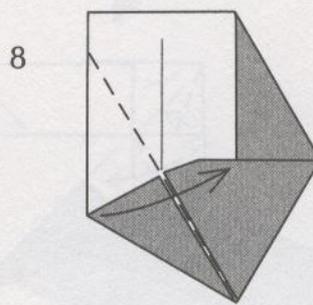
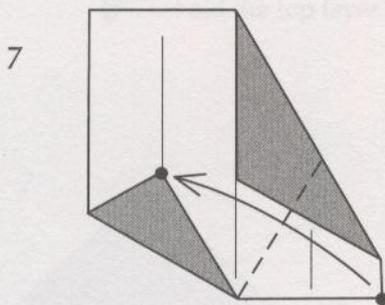
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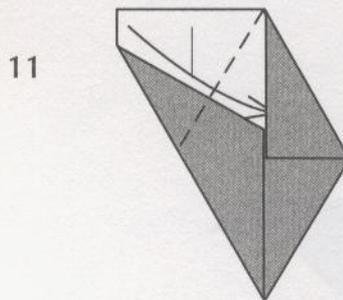
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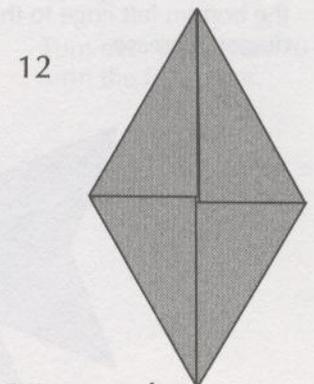
Bring the dot to the center line.



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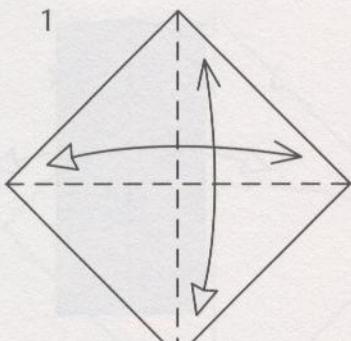


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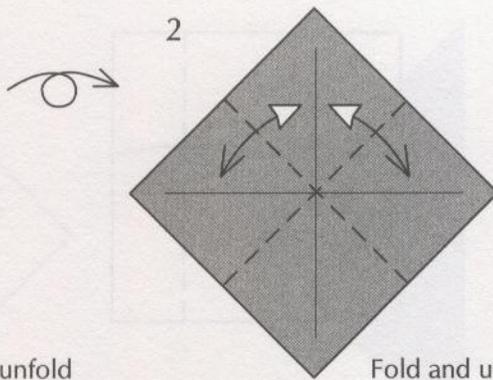


Diamond

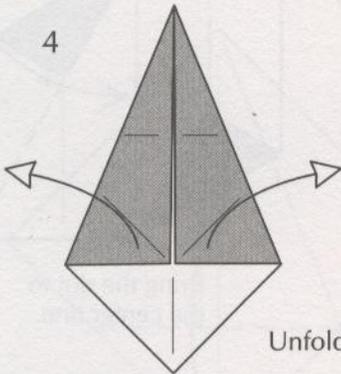
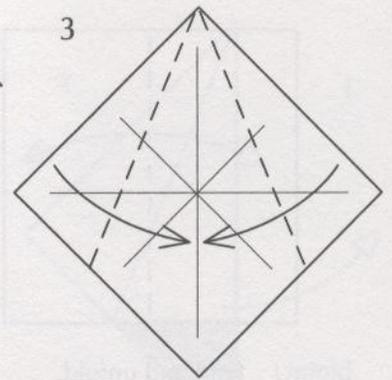
# Four-Pointed Star



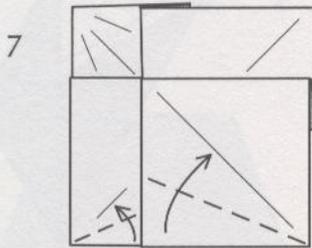
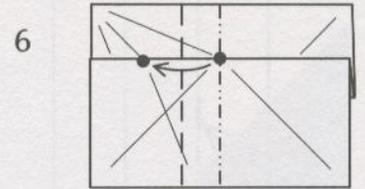
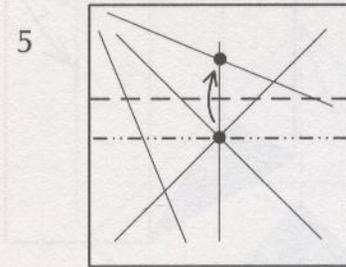
Fold and unfold  
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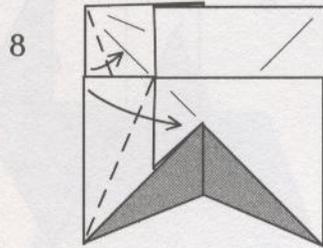
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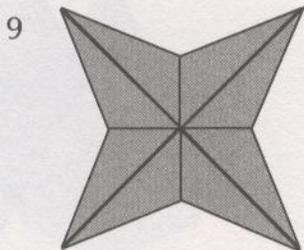
Unfold and rotate.



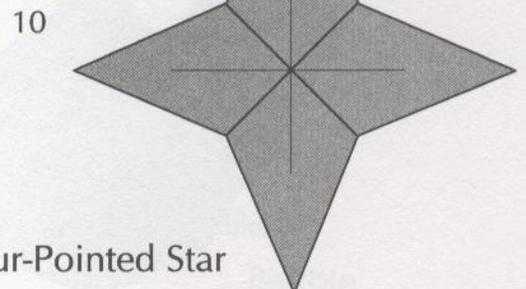
First bring the bottom right edge to the  
downward diagonal crease, then bring  
the bottom left edge to the upward  
diagonal crease.



Repeat step 7  
three more times.

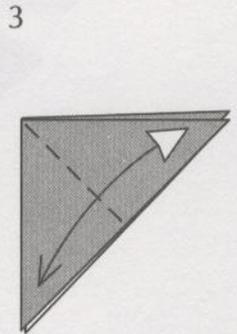
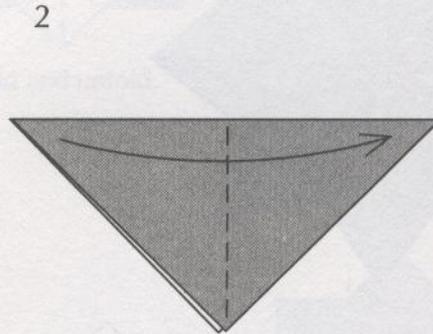
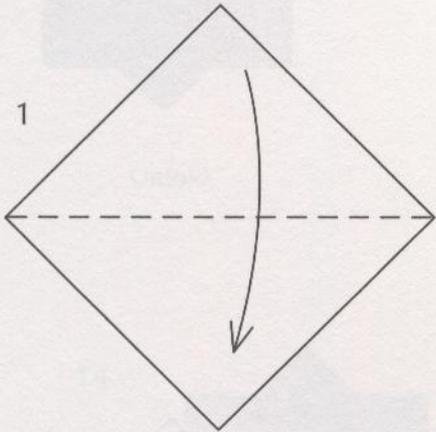


Turn over and rotate.

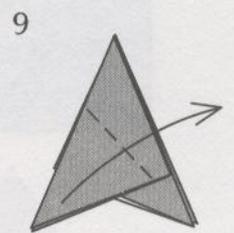
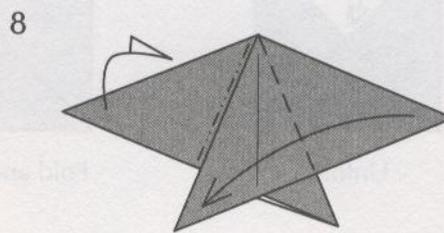
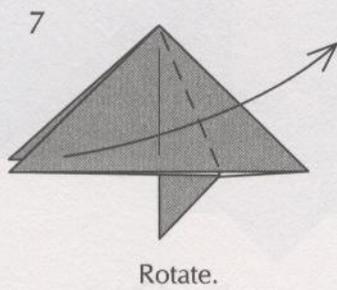
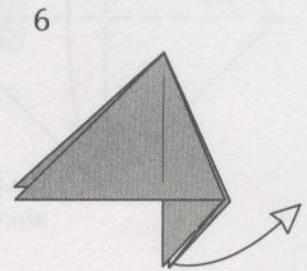
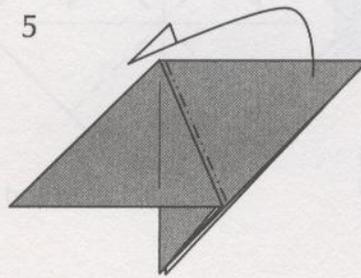
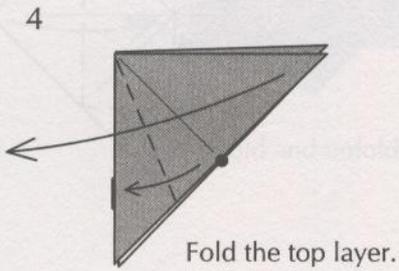


Four-Pointed Star

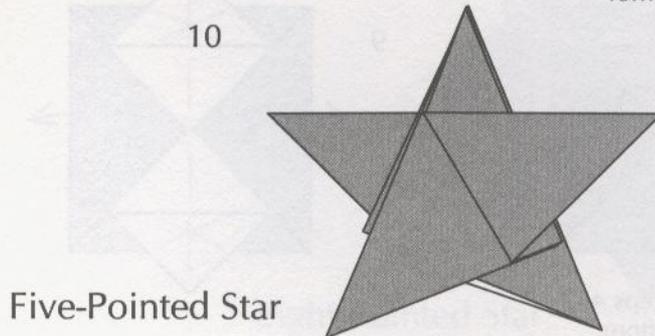
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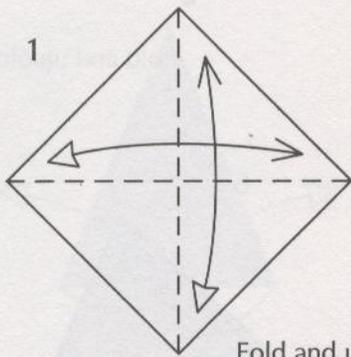
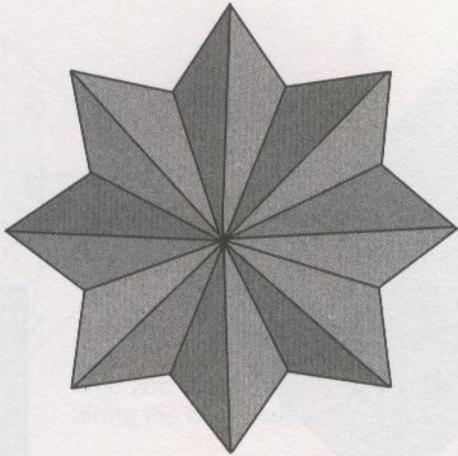


Turn over and repeat to form the fifth point.

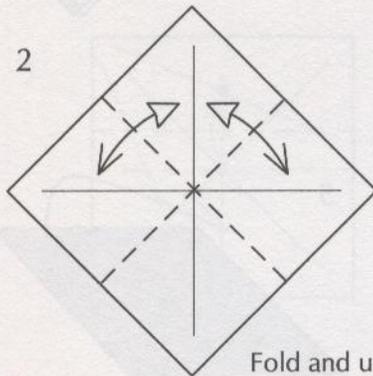


Five-Pointed Star

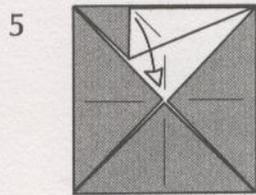
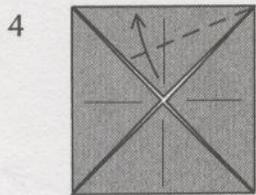
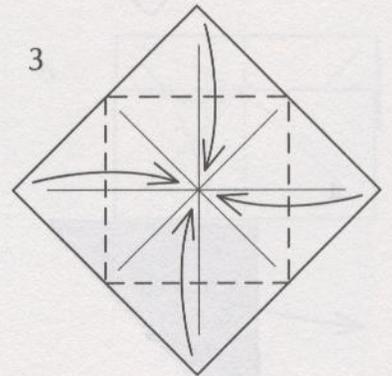
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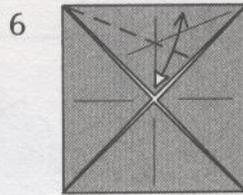
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Fold and unfold  
along the diagonals.



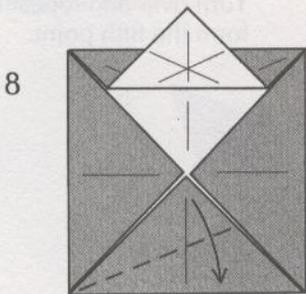
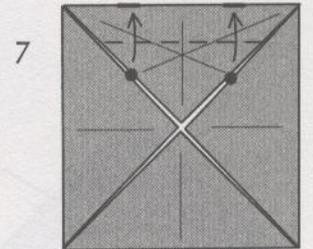
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Fold and unfold.



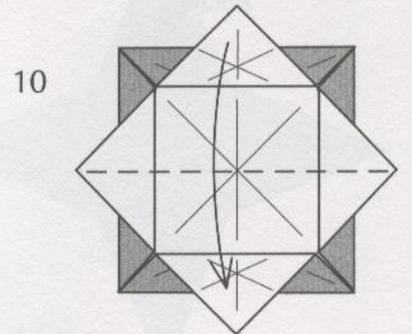
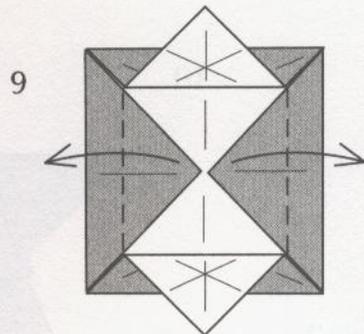
4  
5  
Unfold.



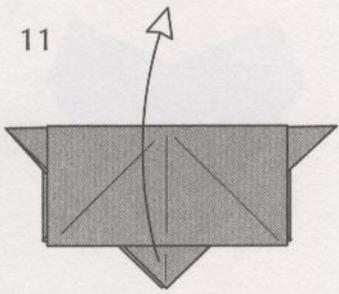
6  
Fold and unfold.



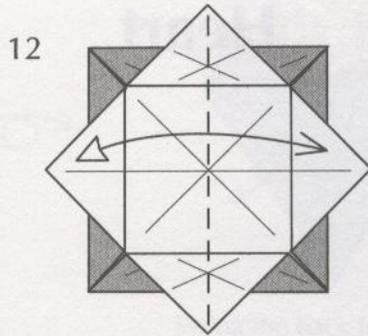
7  
8  
Repeat steps 4-7  
at the bottom.



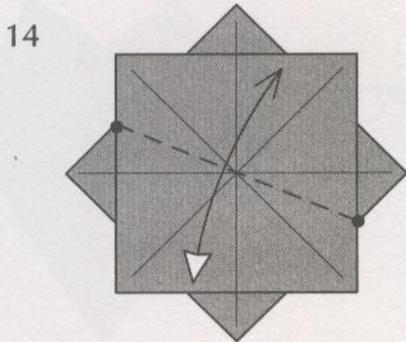
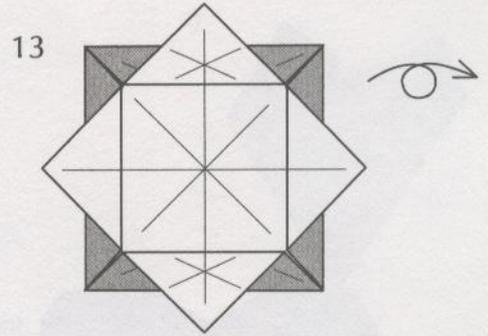
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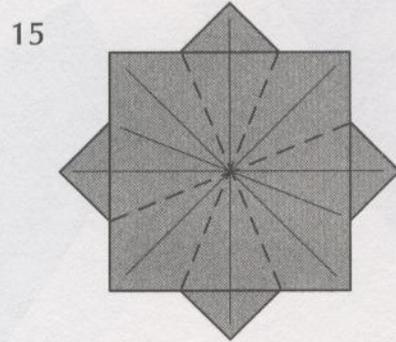
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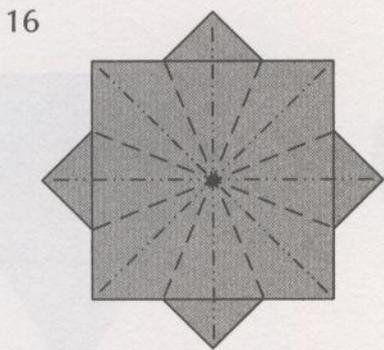
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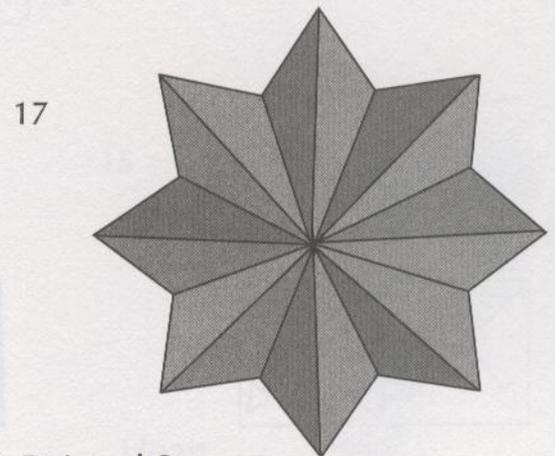
Fold and unfold.



Fold and unfold three more times.

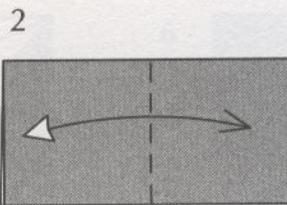
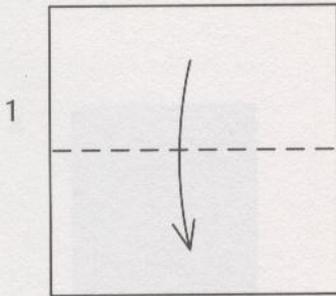
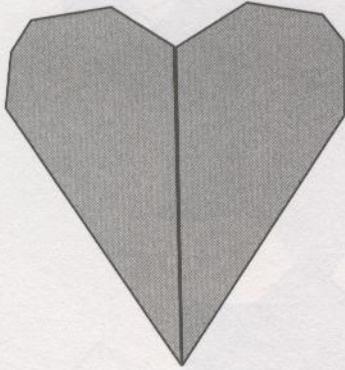


Fold along the creases and puff out at the dot in the center. The model will be three-dimensional.

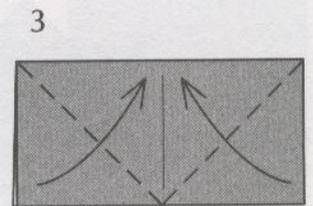


Eight-Pointed Star

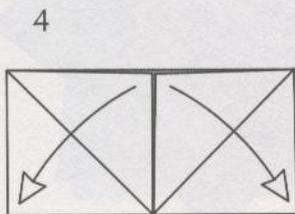
# Heart



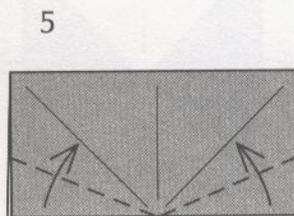
Fold and unfold.



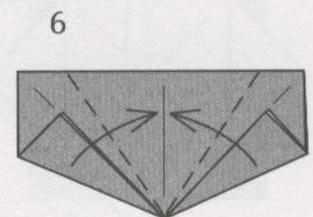
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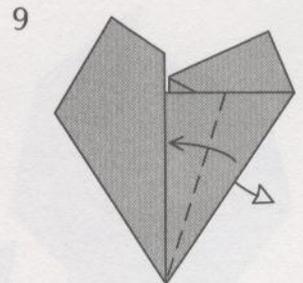
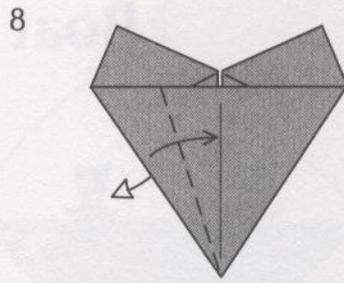
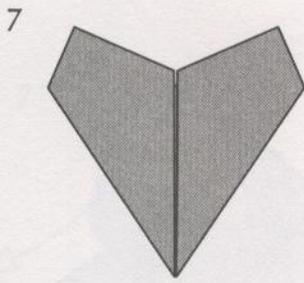


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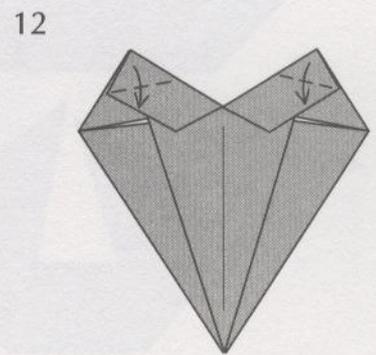
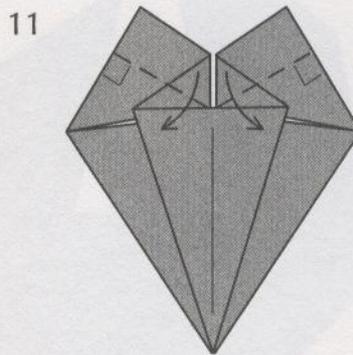
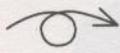
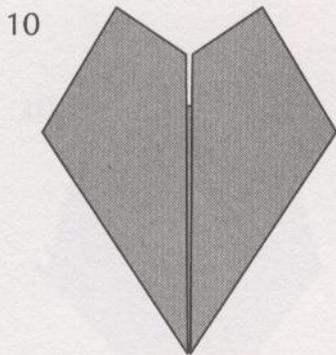


Fold both layers together.

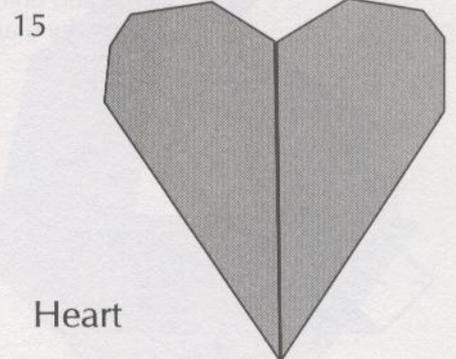
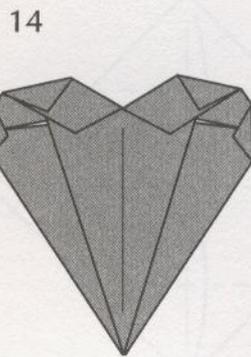
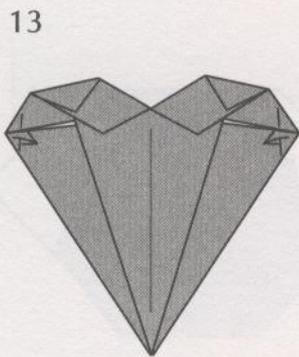




Swing the back to the front.

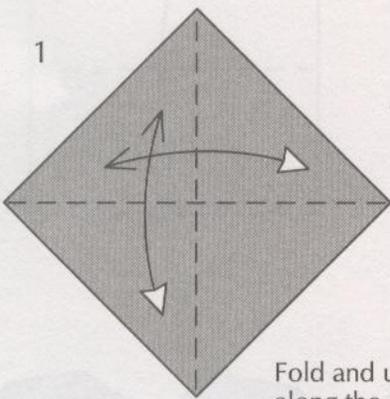
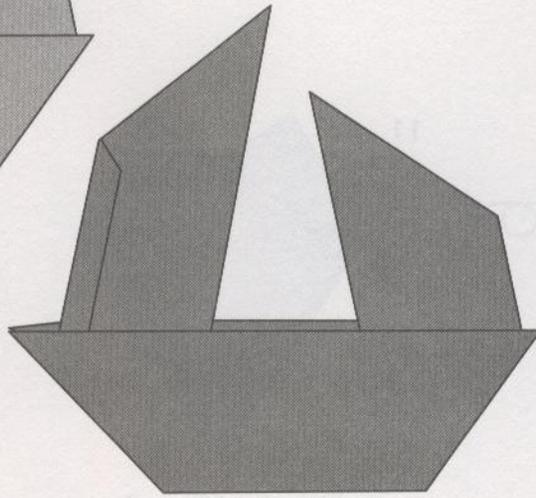
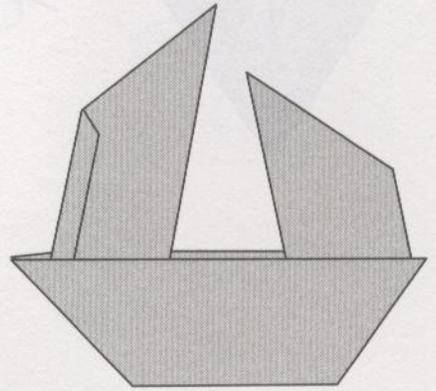
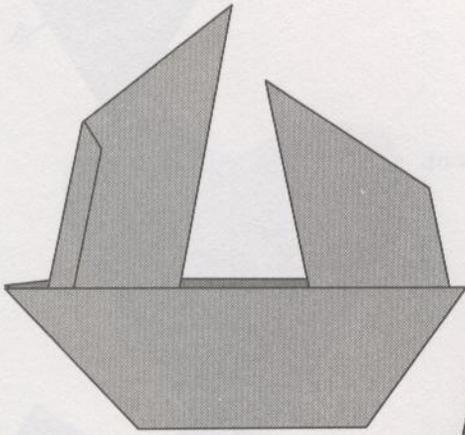


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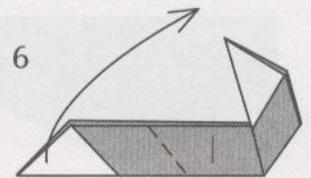
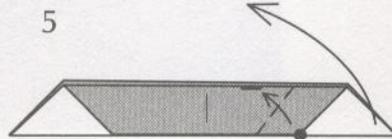
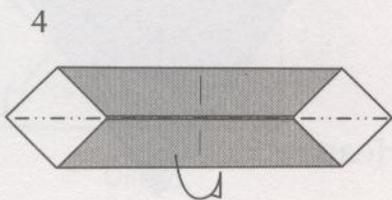
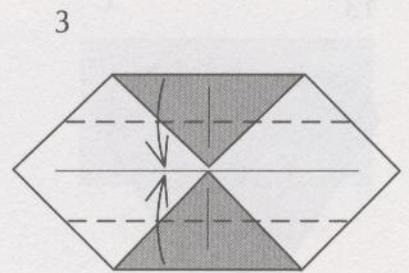
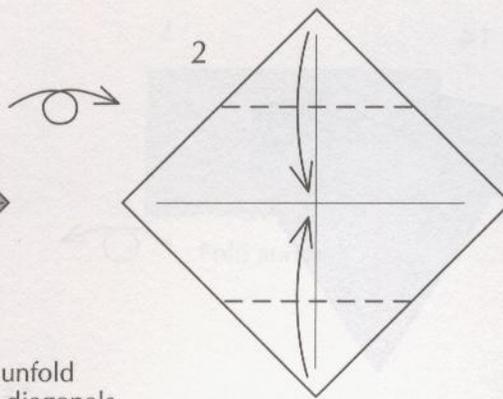


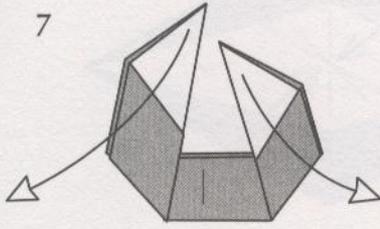
Heart

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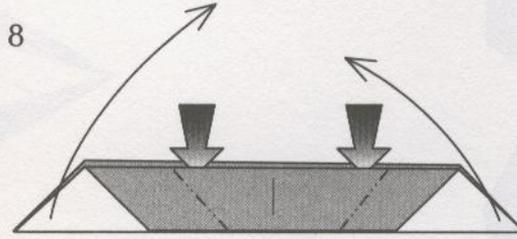


Fold and unfold  
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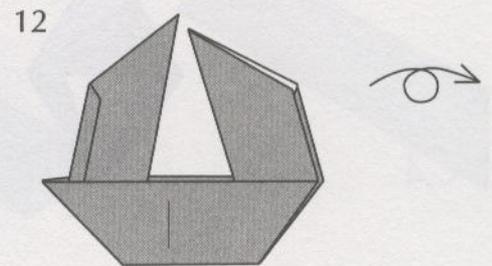
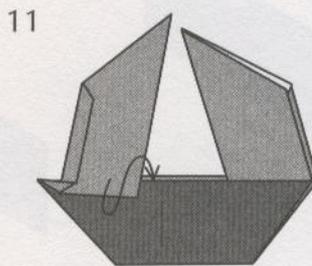
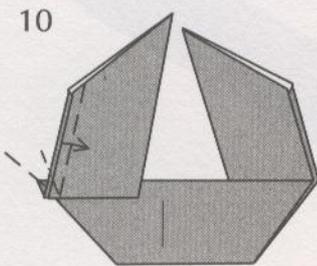
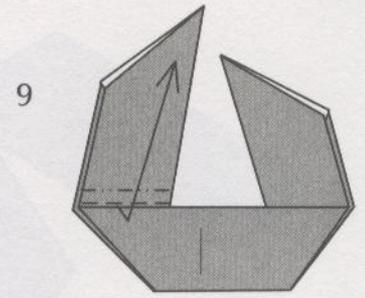




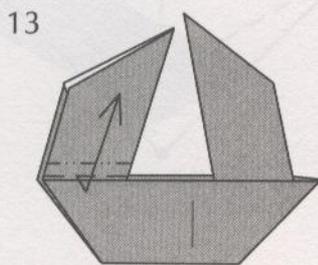
Unfold.



Fold between the layers.



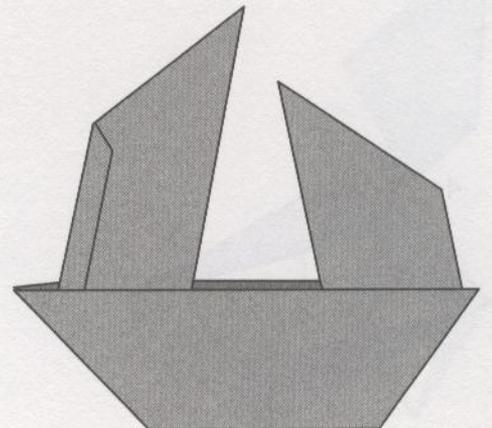
Tuck under the darker paper  
(the lower trapezoid).



Repeat steps 9–11.

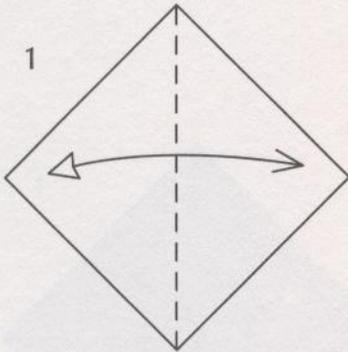
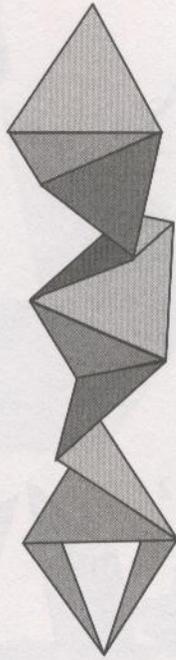


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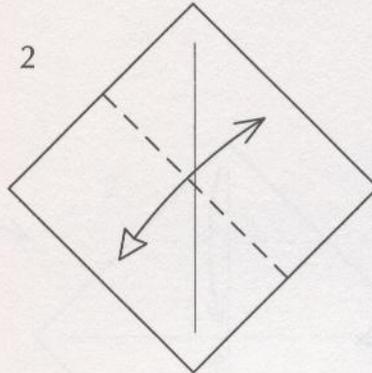


Boat

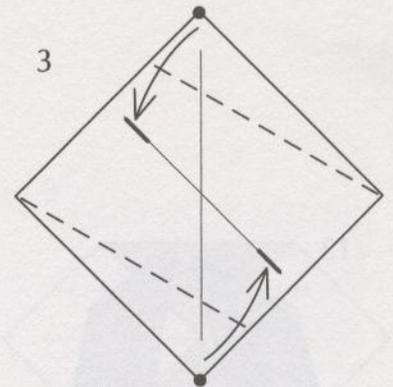
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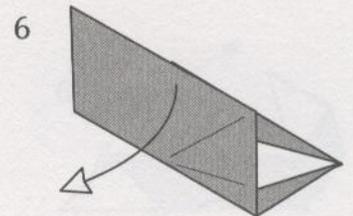
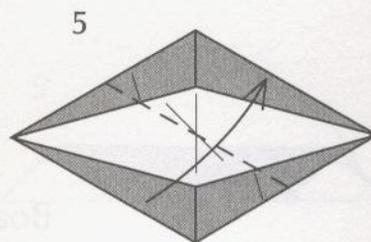
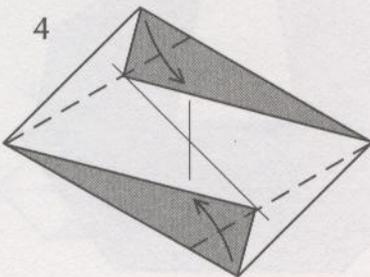
Fold and unfold.



Fold and unfold.

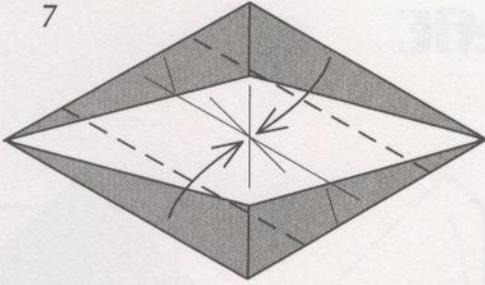


Fold the corners to the crease.

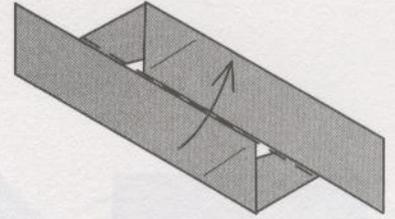


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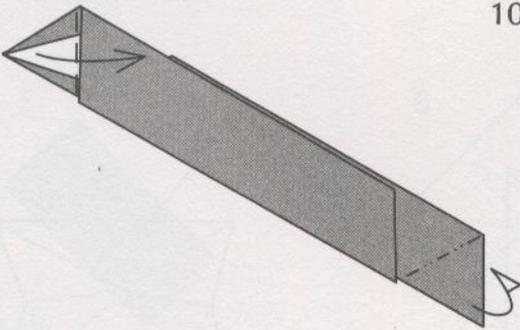
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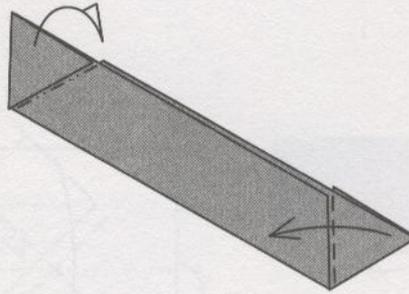
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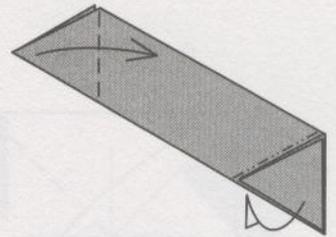
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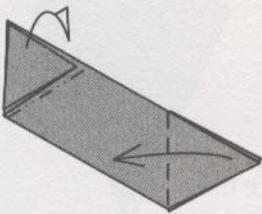
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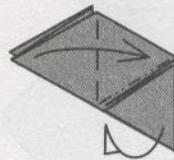
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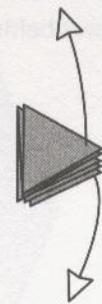
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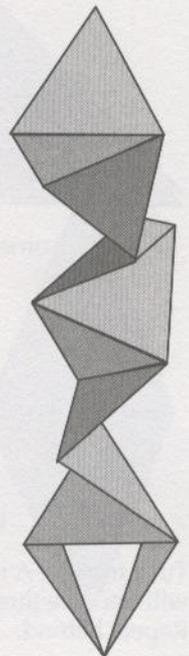


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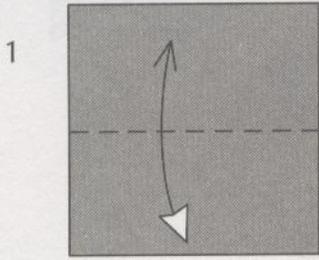
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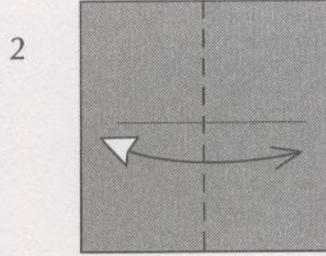


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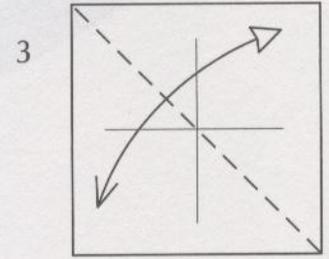
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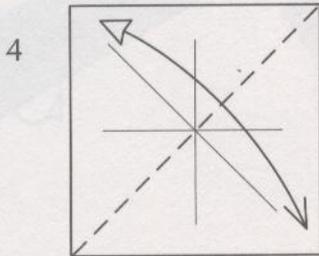
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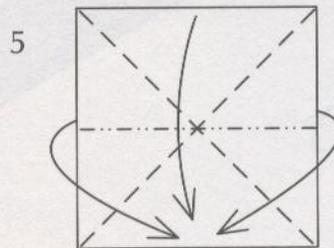
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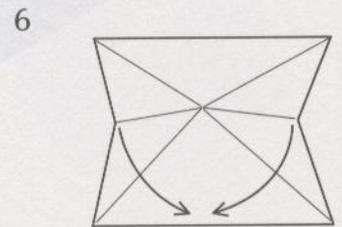
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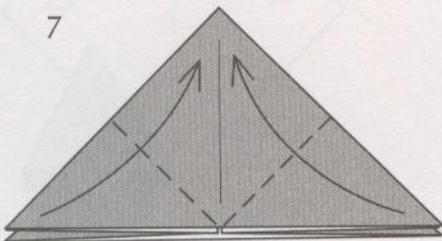
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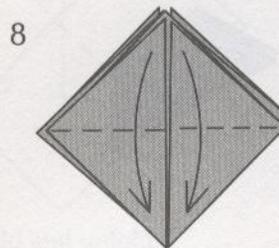
Collapse along the creases.



A three-dimensional intermediate step.

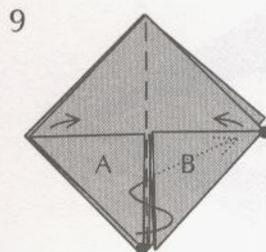


Fold the corners up. Repeat behind.

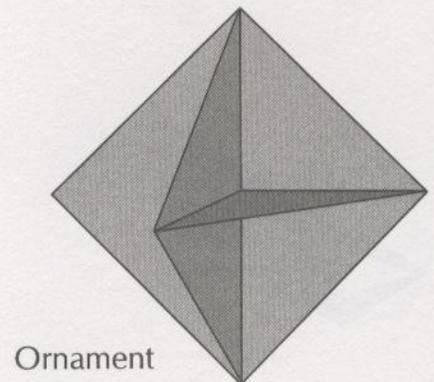


Repeat behind.

Tuck triangle A inside B. The model will become three-dimensional. Repeat behind.

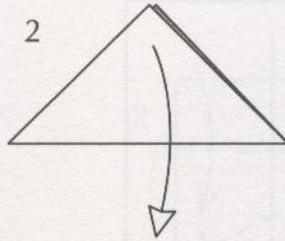
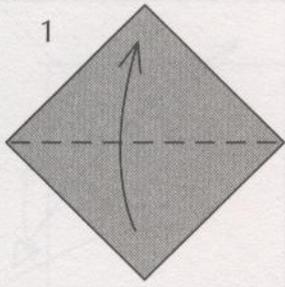


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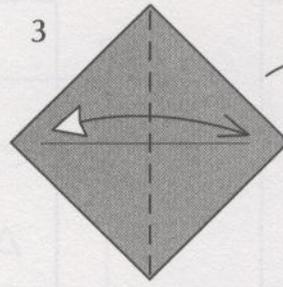


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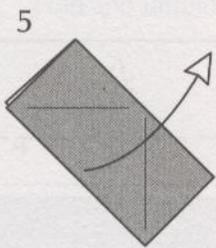
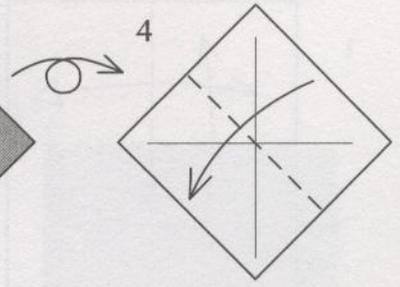
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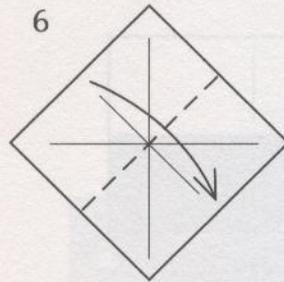
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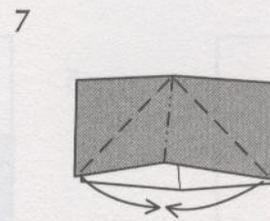
Fold and unfold. Turn over.



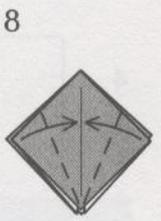
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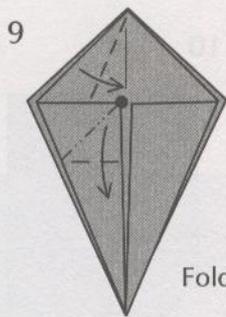
Fold in half and rotate.



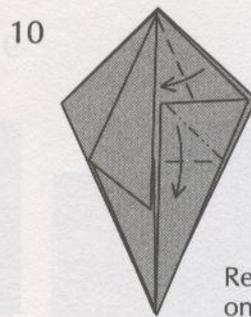
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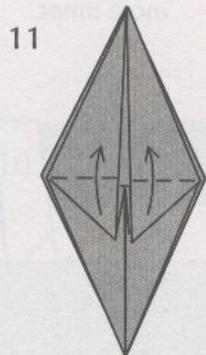
Repeat behind.



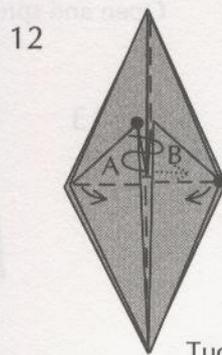
Fold the point down.



Repeat three more times, on the right and back.

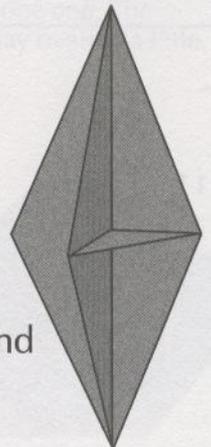


Repeat behind.

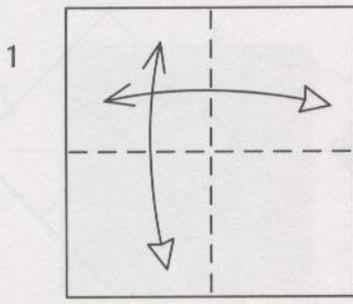


Tuck triangle A inside B. The model will become three-dimensional. Repeat behind.

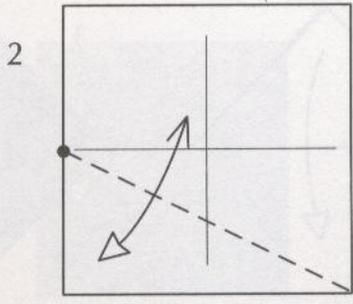
3D Diamond



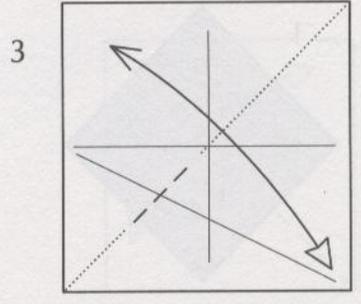
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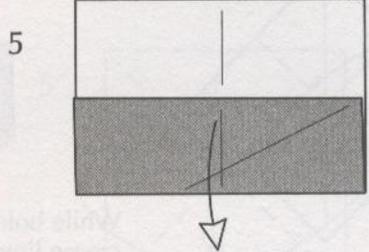
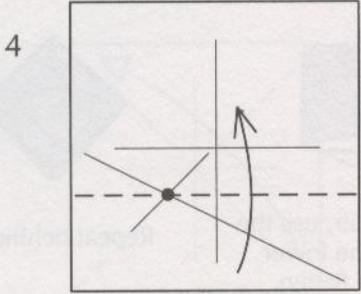
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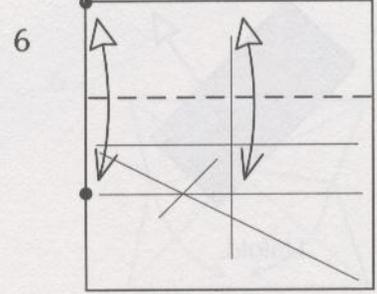
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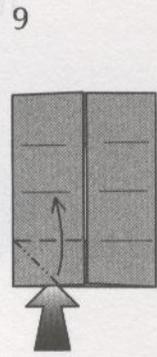
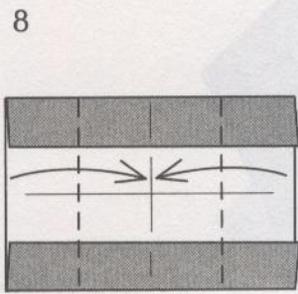
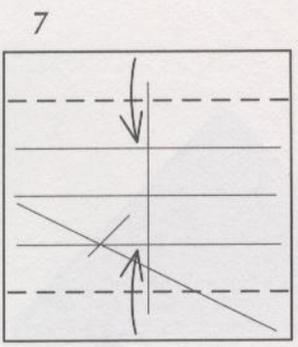
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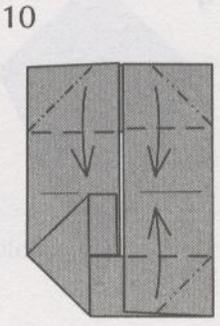
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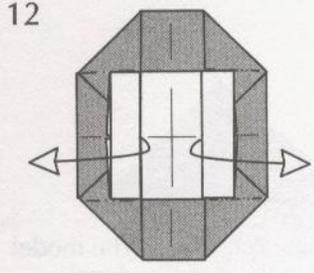
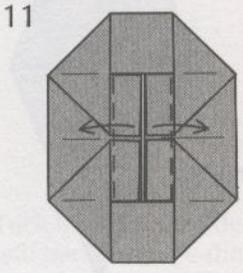
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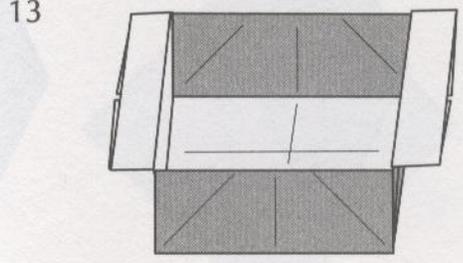
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Repeat three more times.



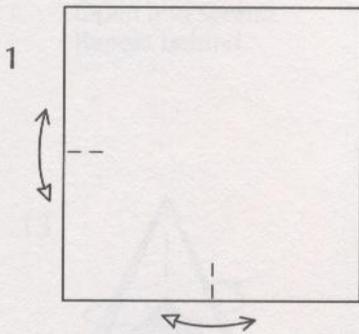
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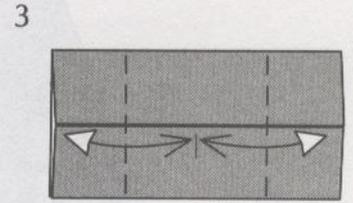
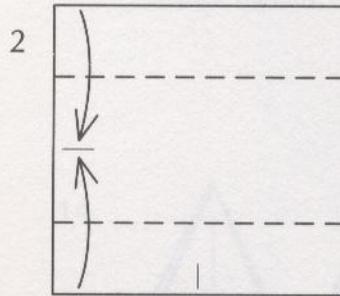
Christmas Box

# Gift Box

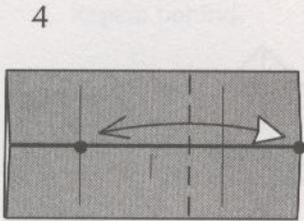
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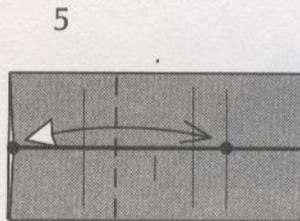
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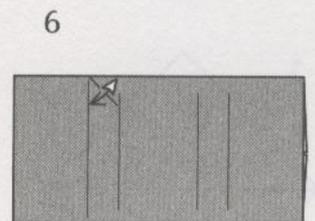
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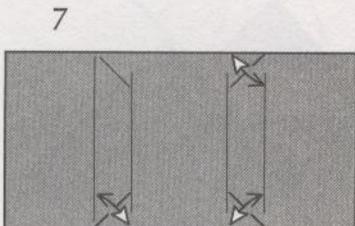
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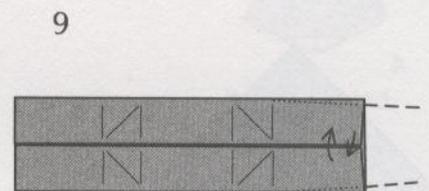
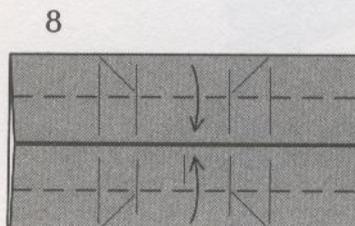
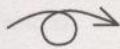
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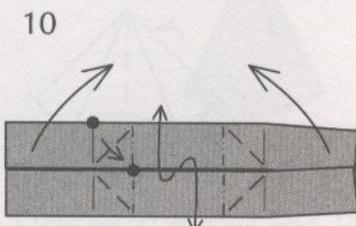
Fold and unfold between the creases.



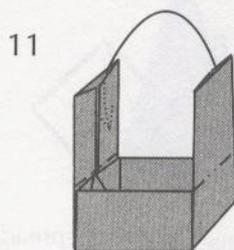
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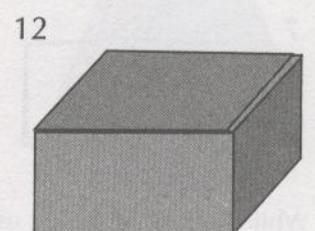
Slightly narrow one end. The middle edges may overlap a little.



Open in the center.



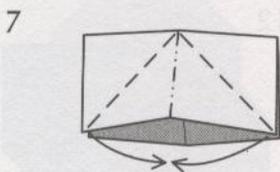
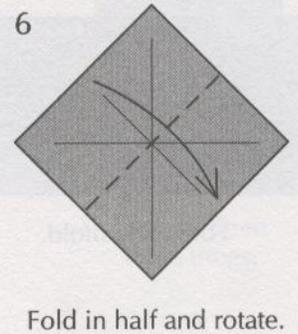
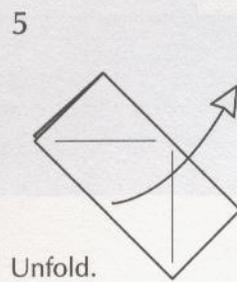
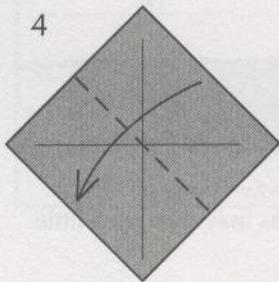
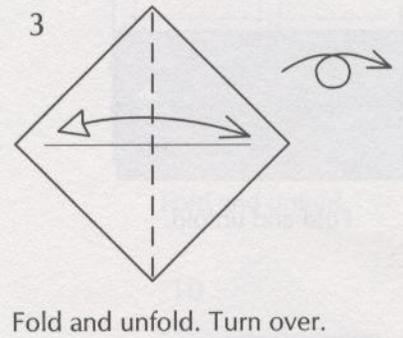
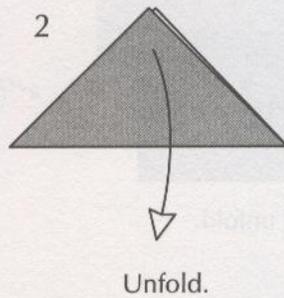
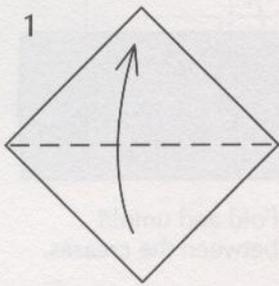
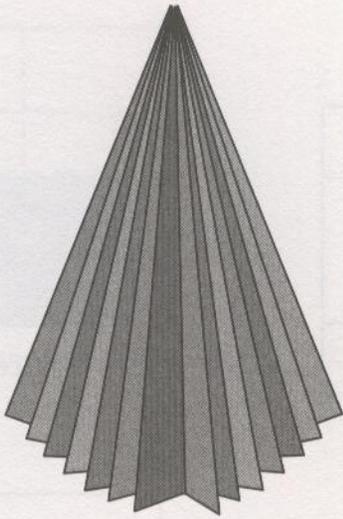
Insert one flap into the other to close the box.



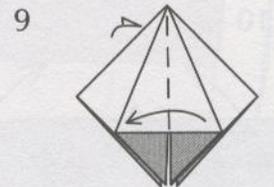
Gift Box

# 3D Tree

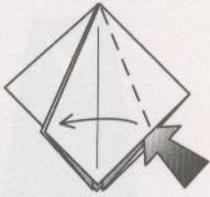
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While holding in the air, use the crease lines to bring the lower corners together, then flatten.



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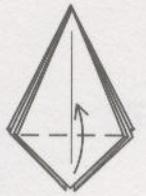
Open and spread.  
Repeat behind.

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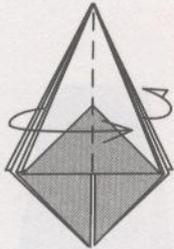
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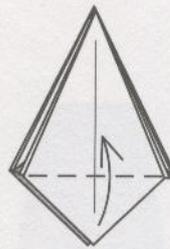
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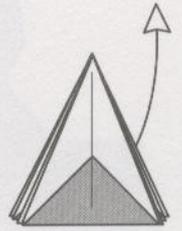
Fold two layers.  
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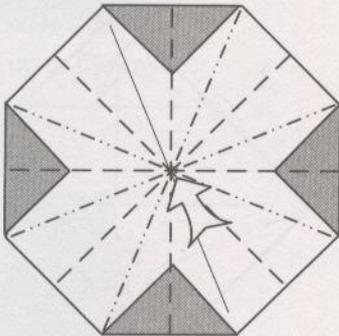
Repeat behind.

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Unfold.

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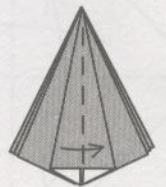
Push in at the center and refold.

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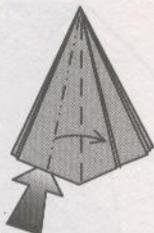
Open and spread.  
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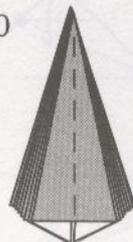
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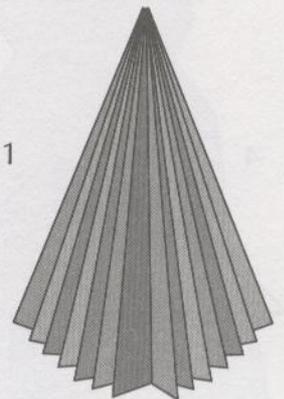
Continue on all eight flaps, taking care to keep the number of flaps on each side equal. This balance will help keep the folds accurate.

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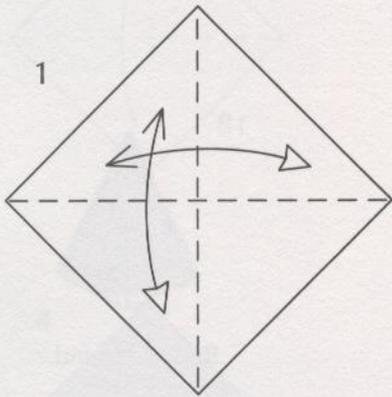
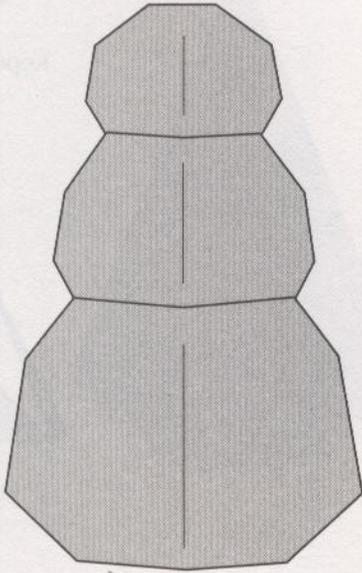
Slightly open the tree at the bottom. Shape the tree so the flaps are evenly spaced and stand it up.

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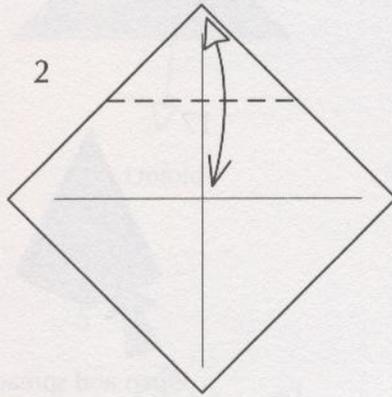


3D Tree

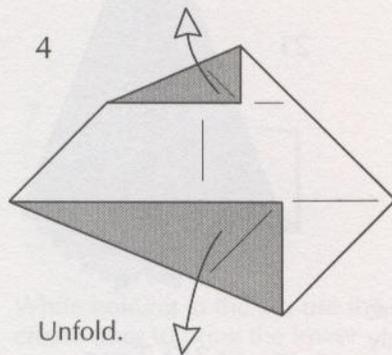
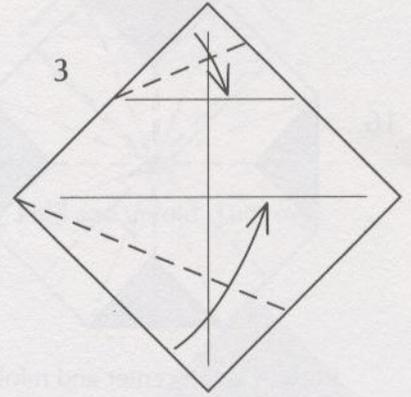
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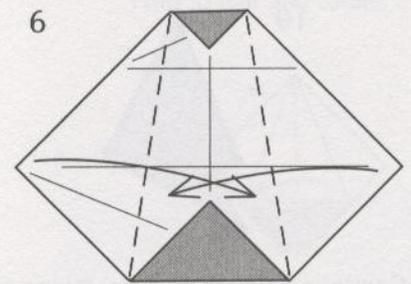
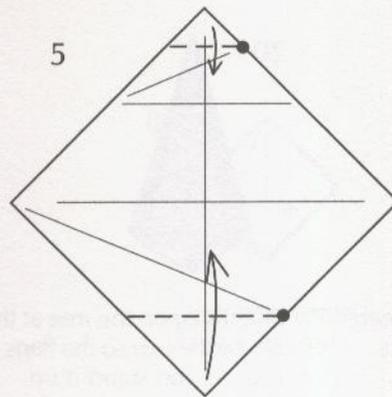
Fold and unfold  
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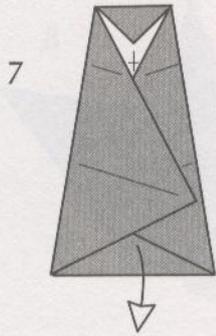


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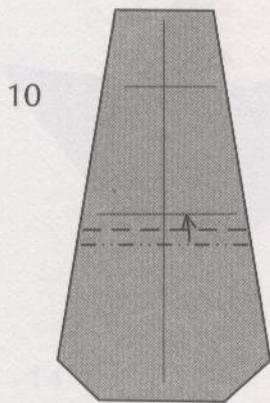
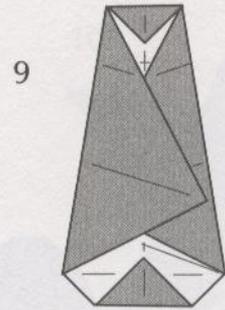
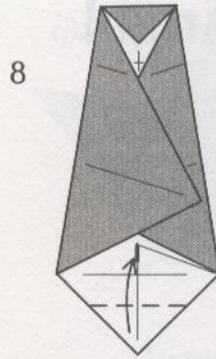


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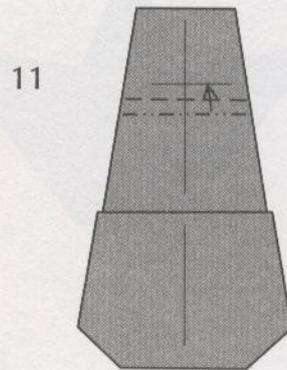




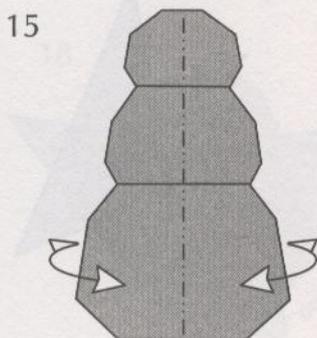
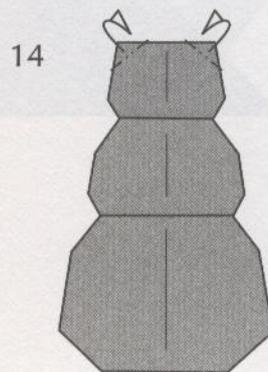
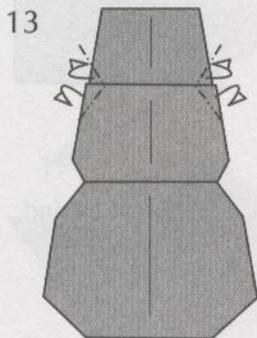
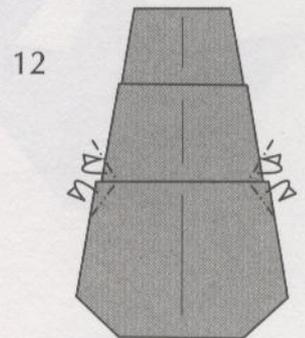
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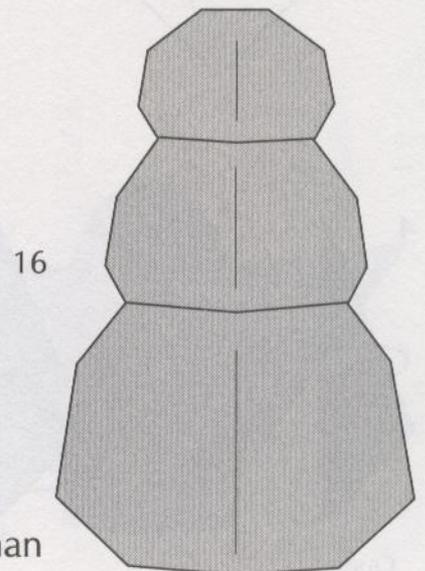
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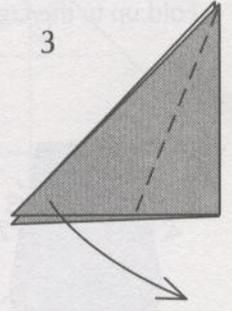
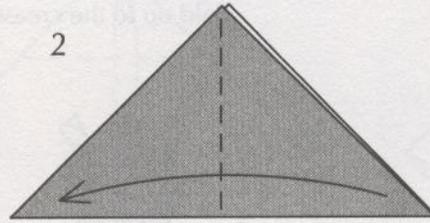
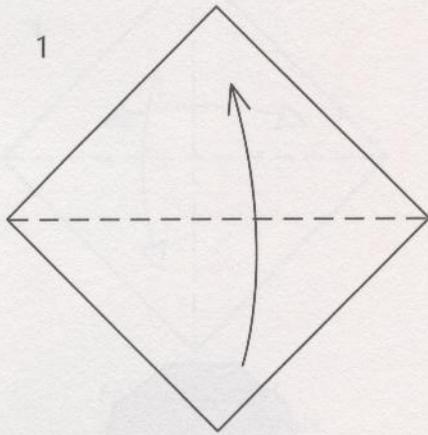
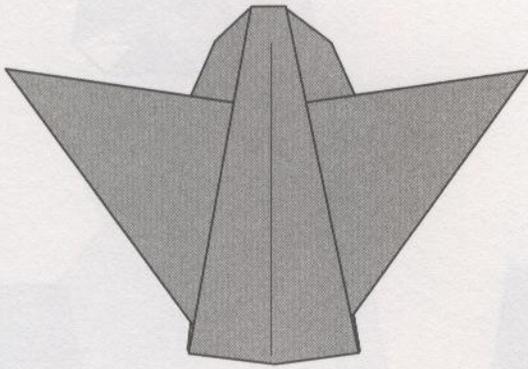


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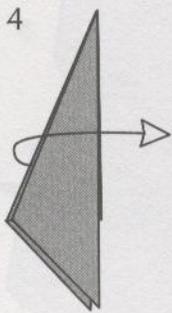


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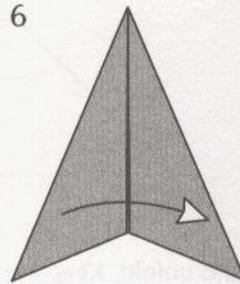
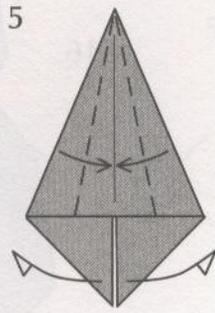
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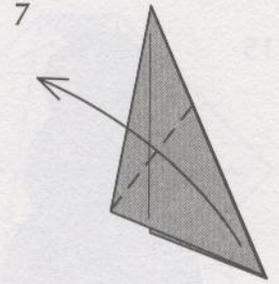
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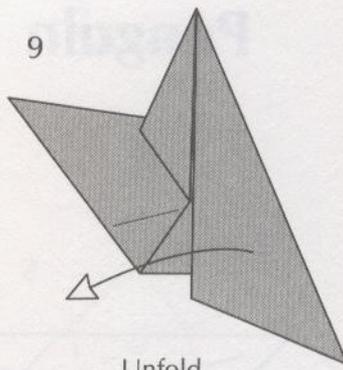
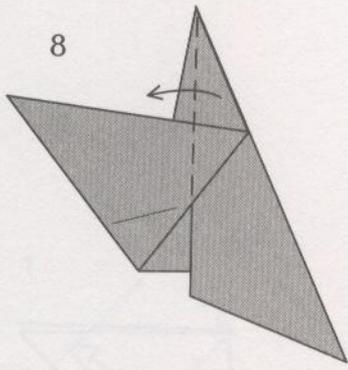


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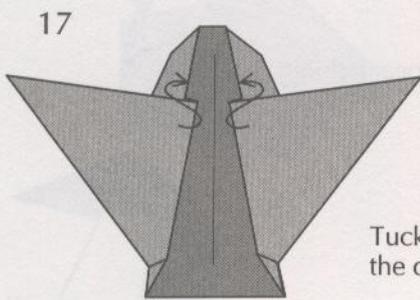
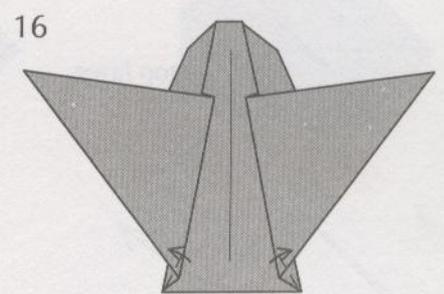
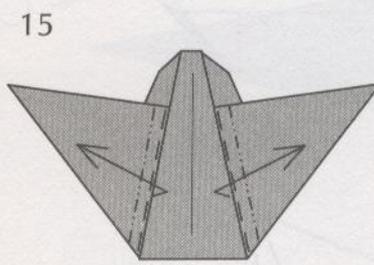
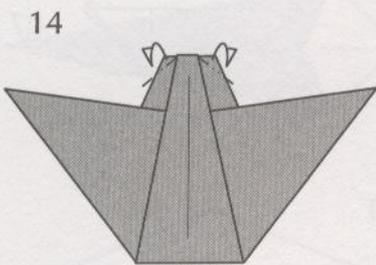
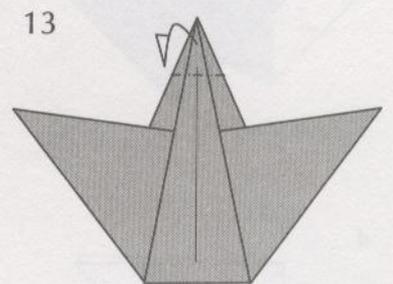
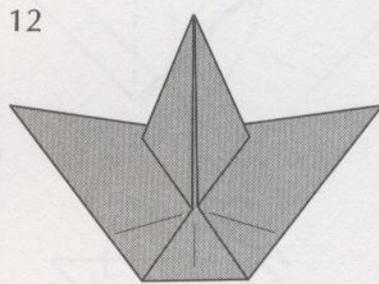
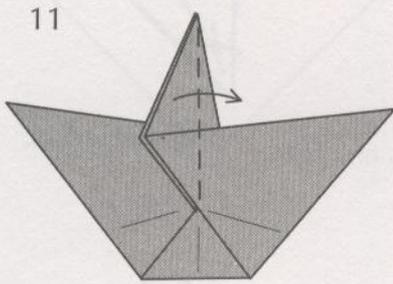
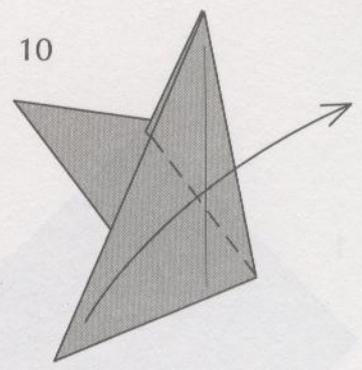


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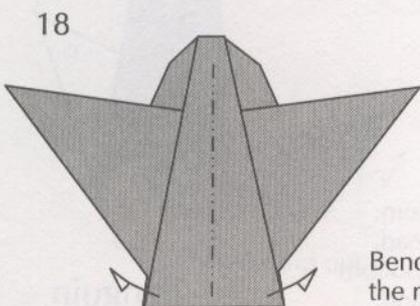




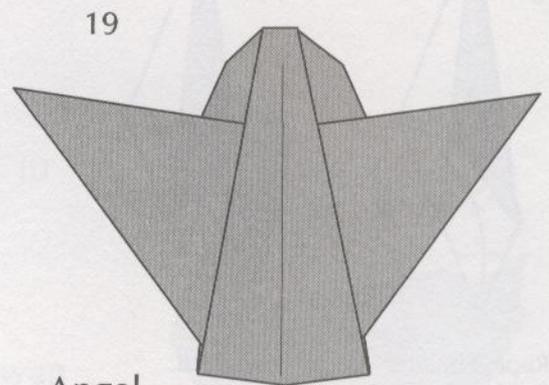
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Tuck the wings under the darker layer.

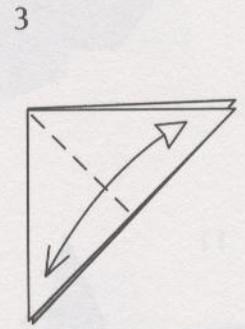
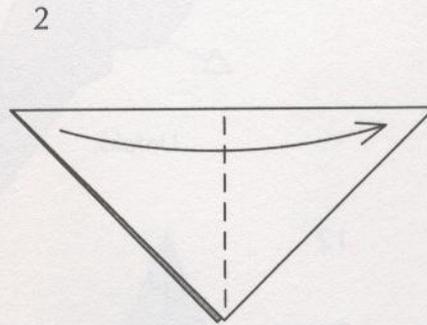
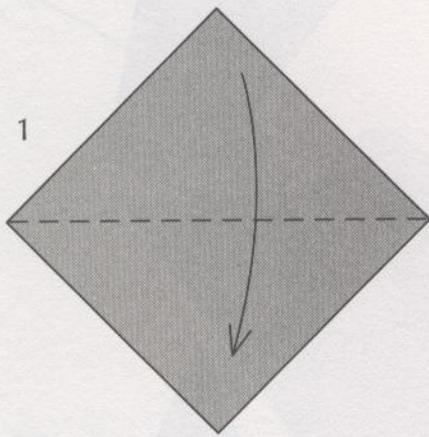


Bend slightly in half for the model to stand.

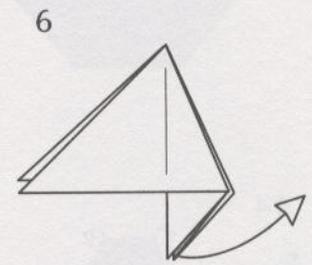
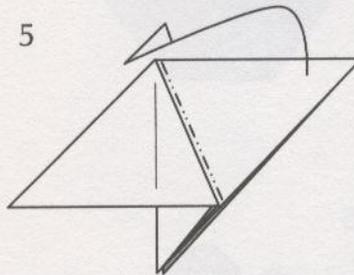
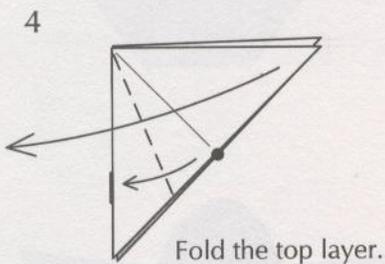


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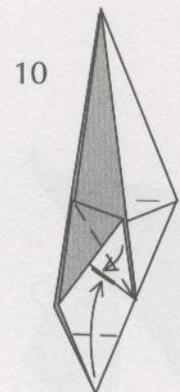
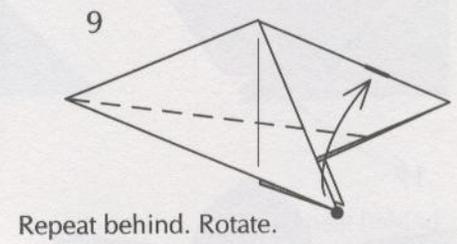
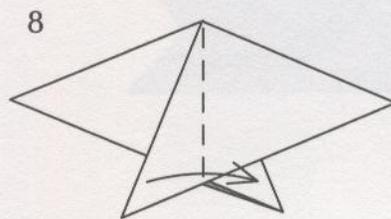
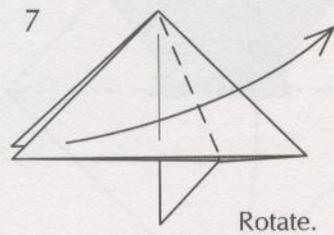
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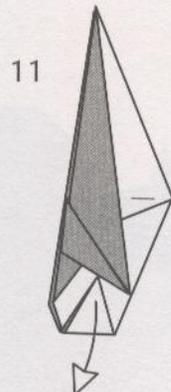
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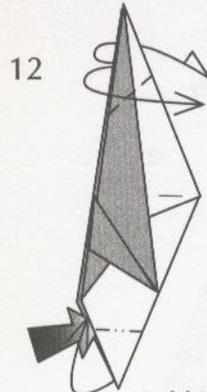
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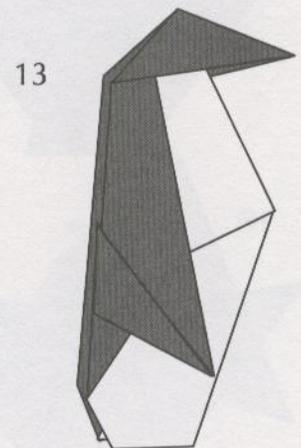
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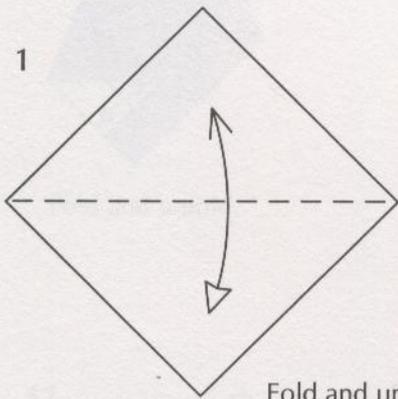


Fold inside at the bottom. Wrap around at the head. Adjust the fold at the bottom so the penguin can stand.

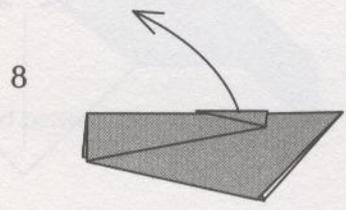
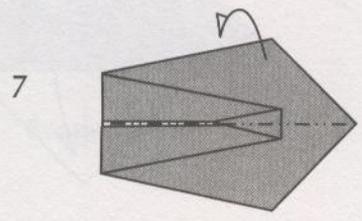
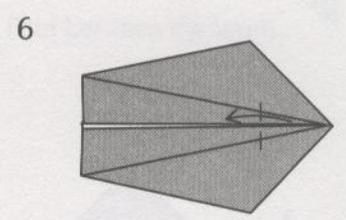
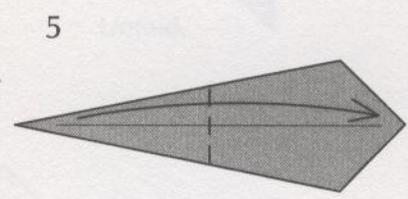
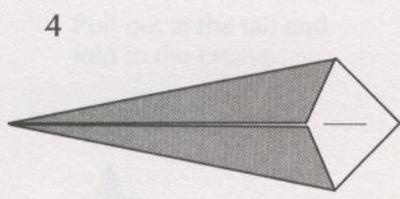
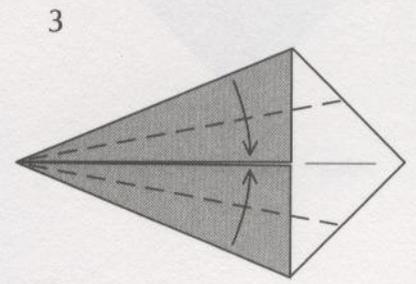
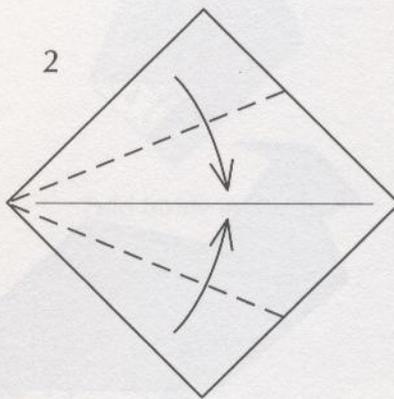


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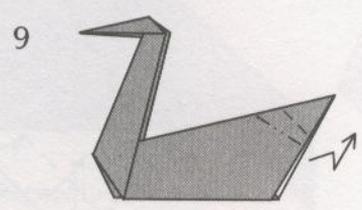
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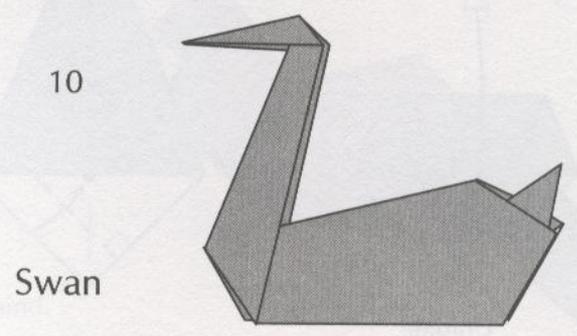
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Lift up the neck and head.

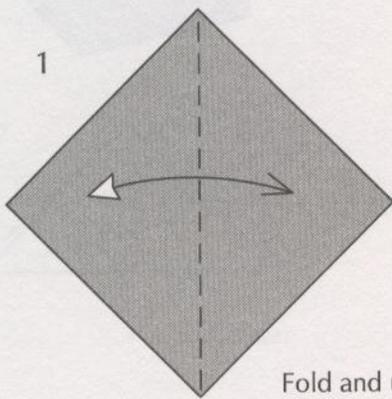
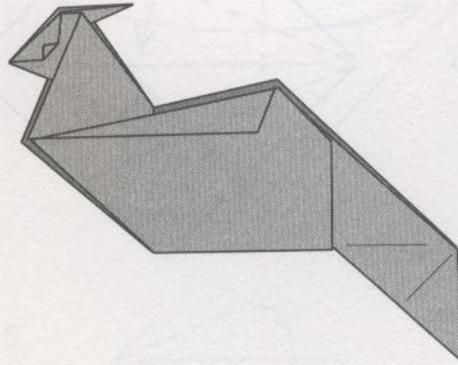


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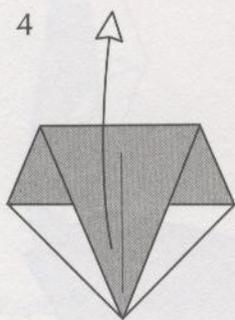
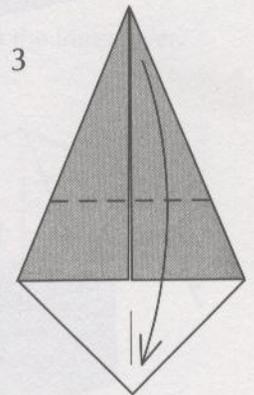
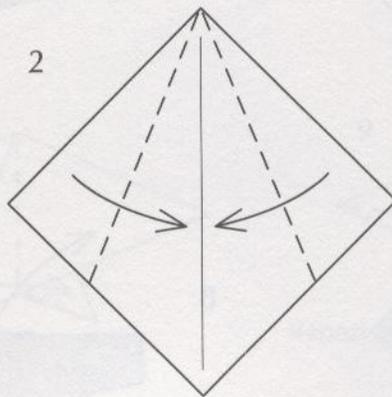
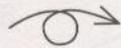


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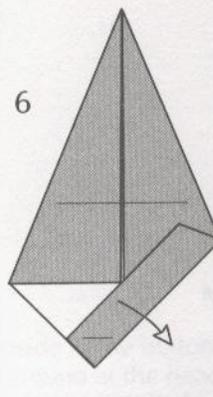
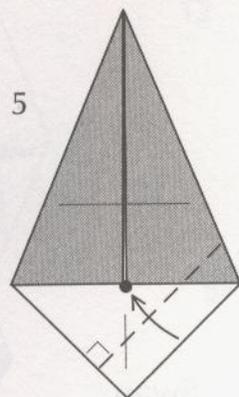
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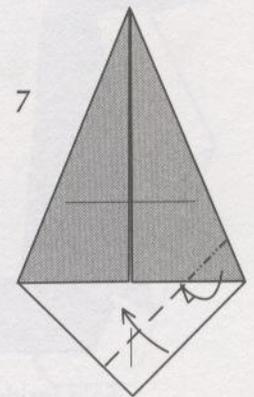
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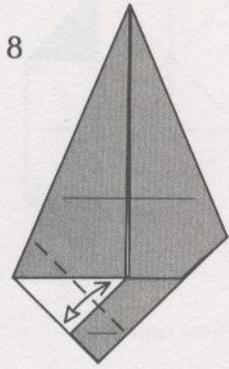
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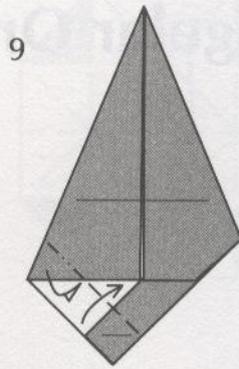
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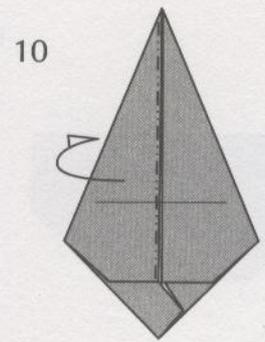
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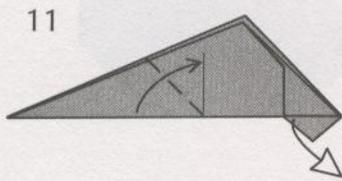
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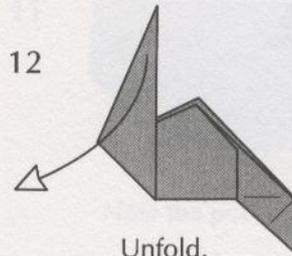
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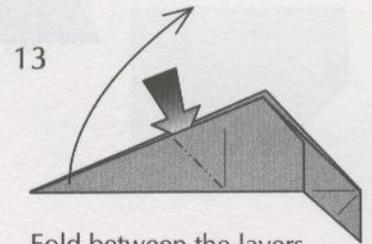
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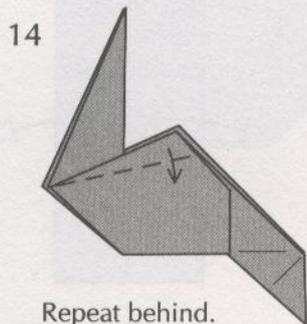
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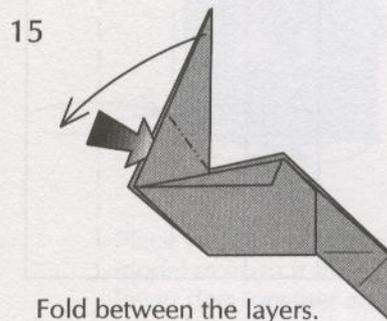
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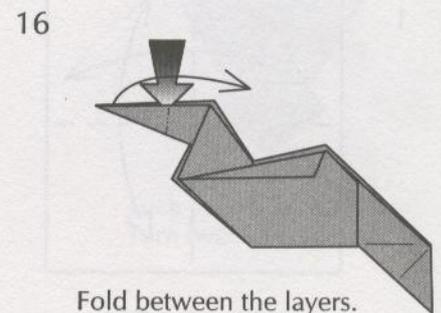
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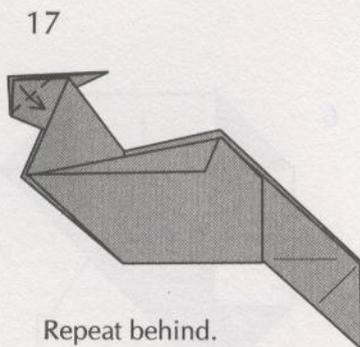
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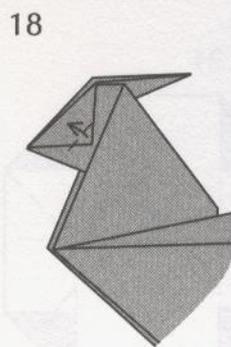
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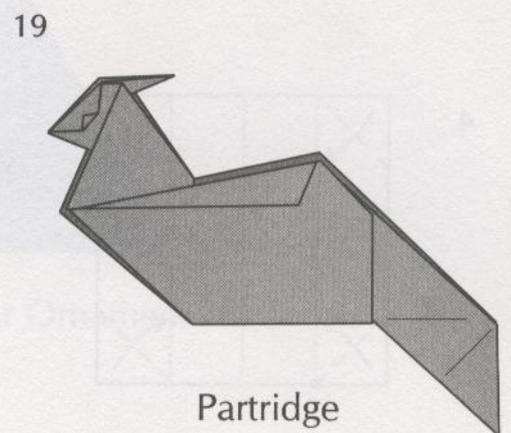
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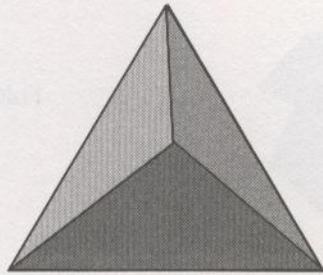


Fold the eye. Repeat behind.

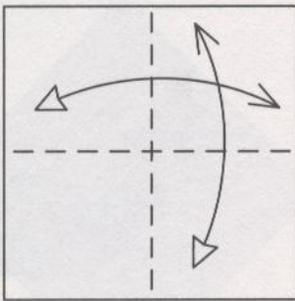


Partridge

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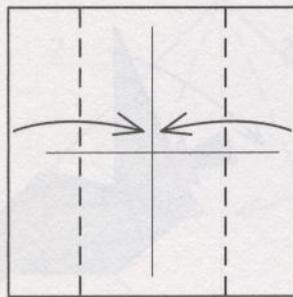


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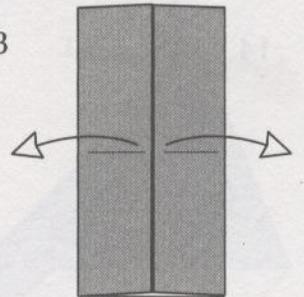


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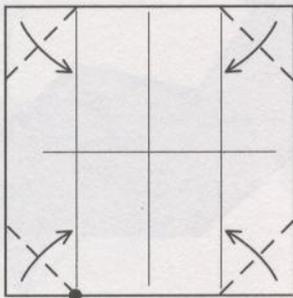


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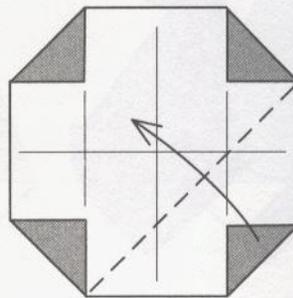


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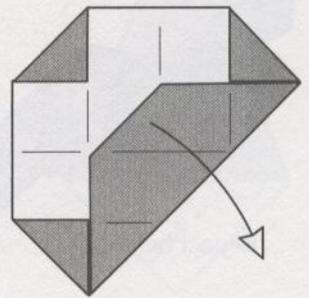
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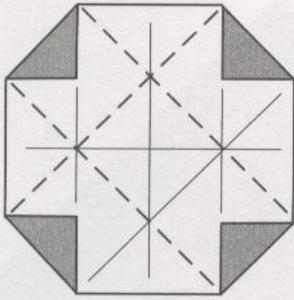


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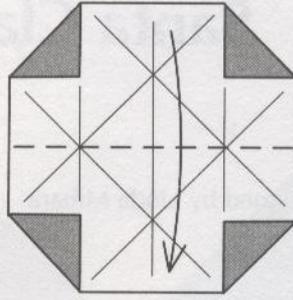
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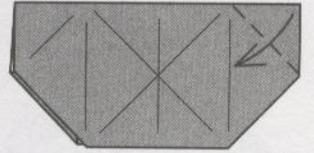


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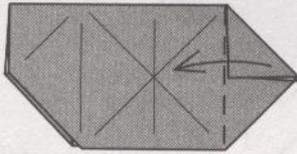
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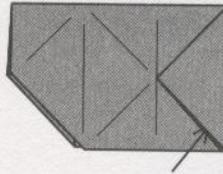
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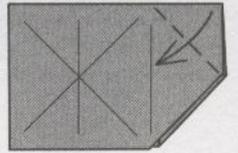
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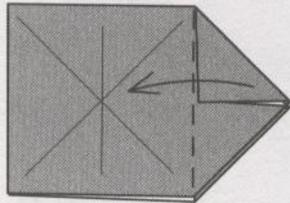
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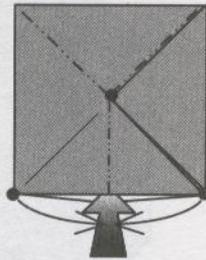
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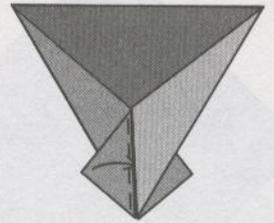


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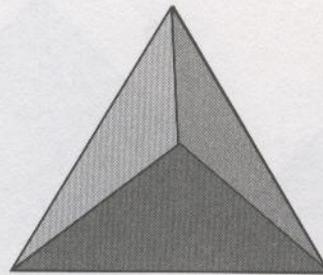
Place your finger inside the model to open it. Bring the lower dots together and puff out at the upper dot.

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Tuck inside the pocket. Turn over and repeat.

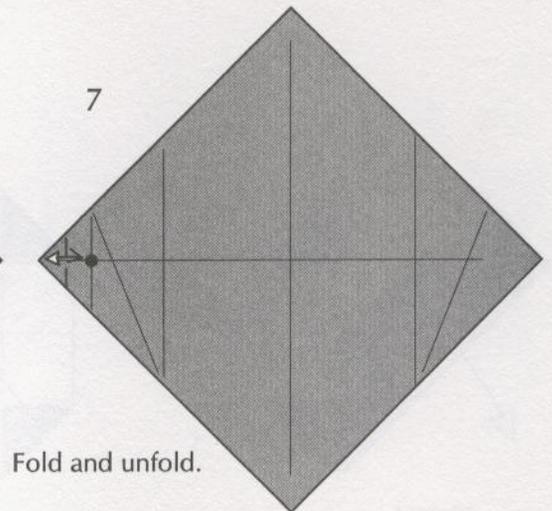
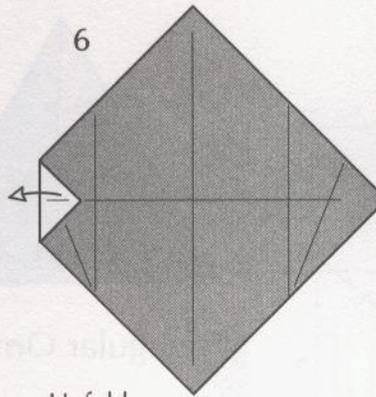
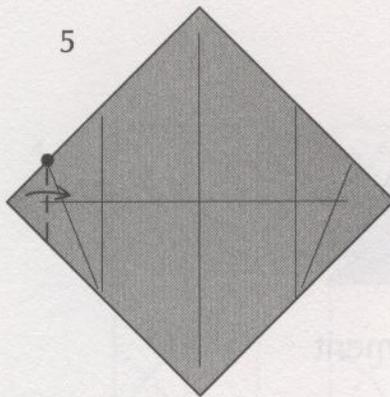
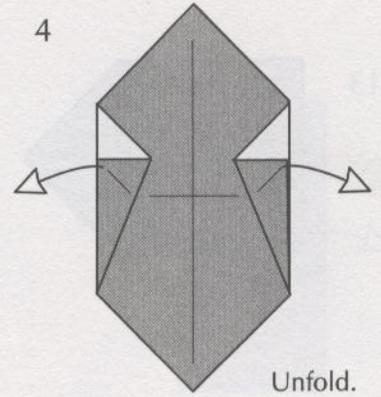
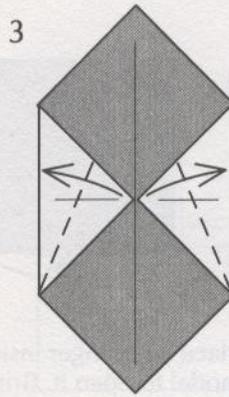
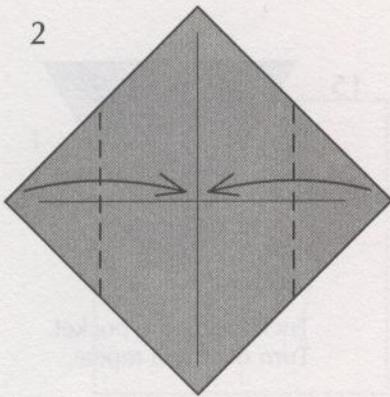
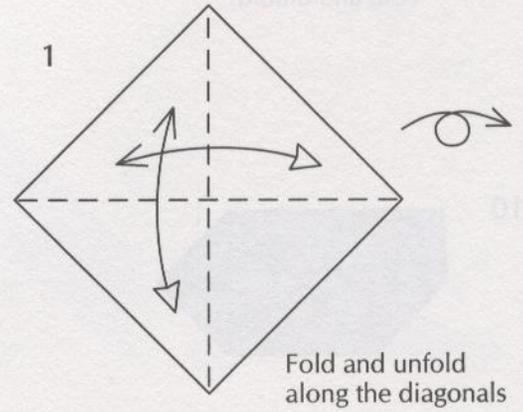
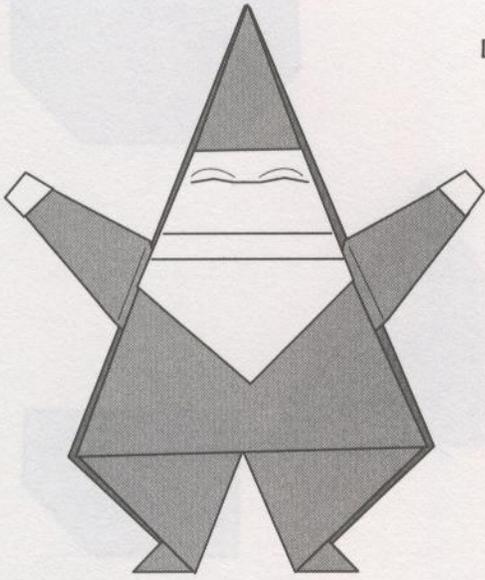
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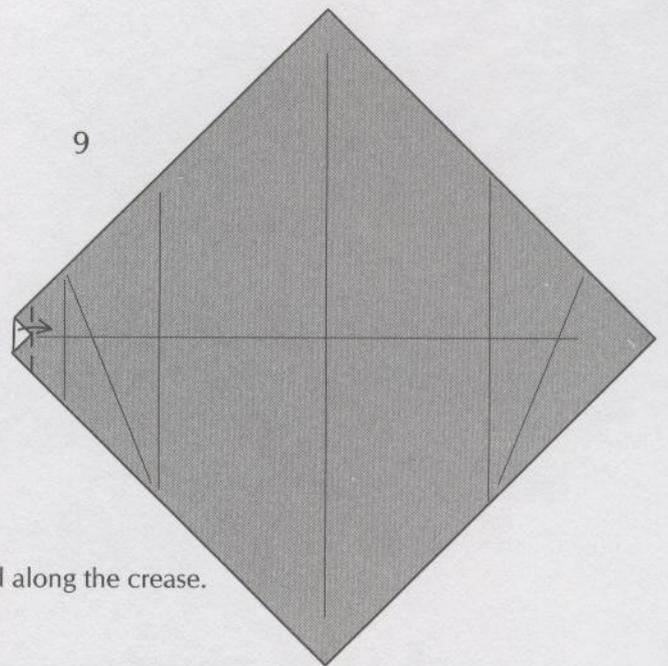
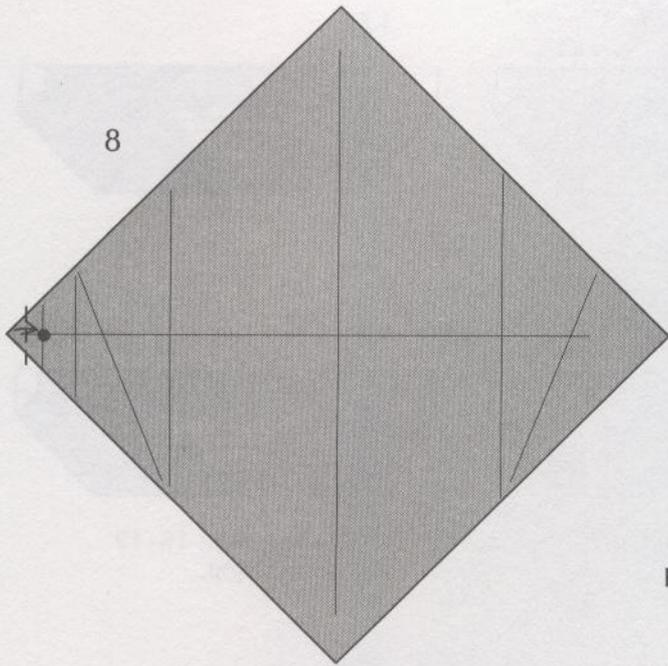


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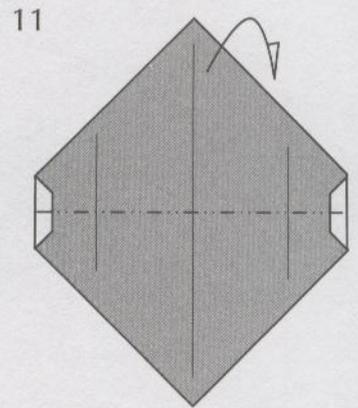
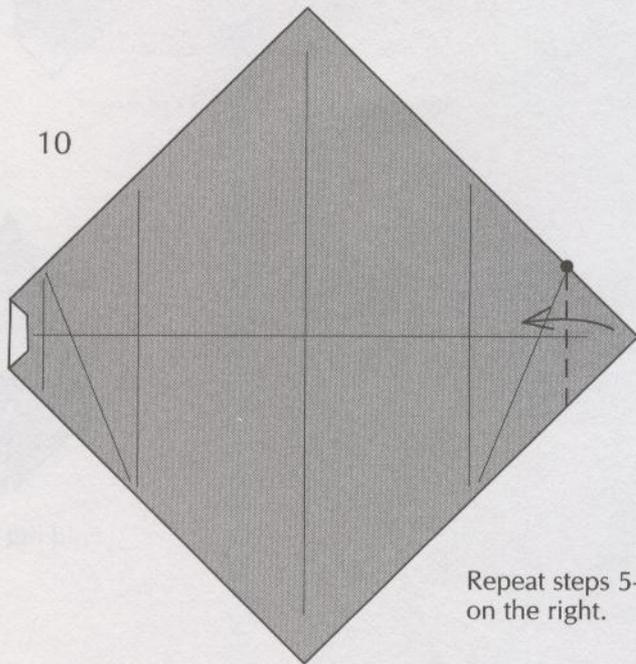
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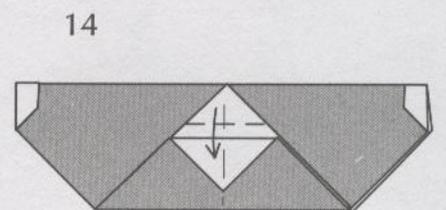
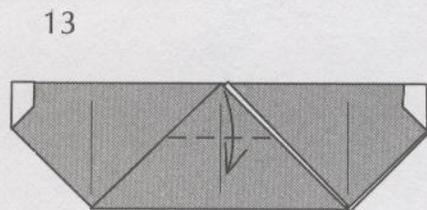
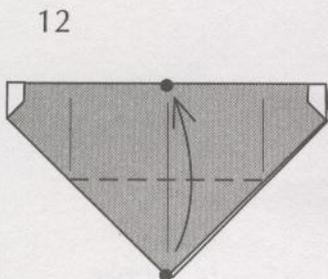




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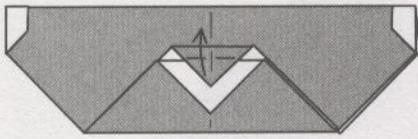


Repeat steps 5-9  
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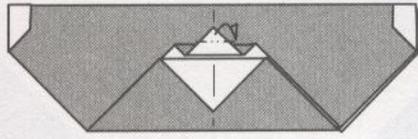


Fold the top layer. There  
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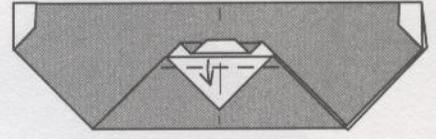
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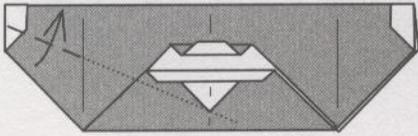
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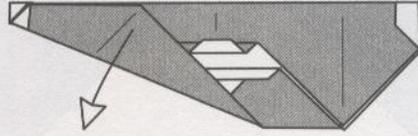


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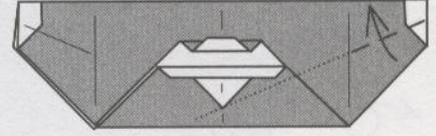
Fold up creasing on the left.

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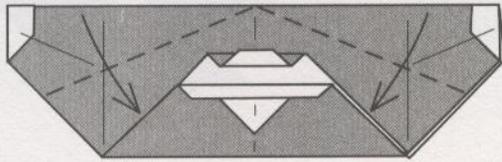
Unfold.

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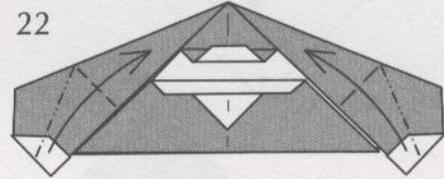


Repeat steps 18–19 on the right.

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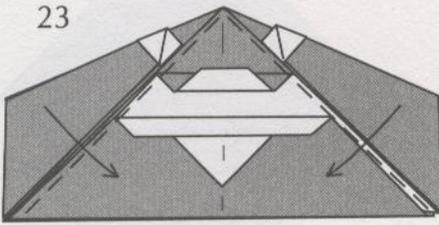


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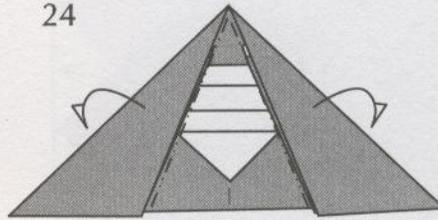


Lift up along the creases.

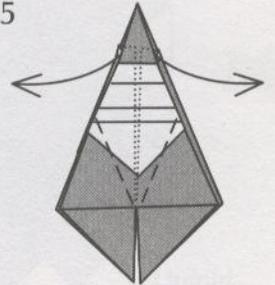
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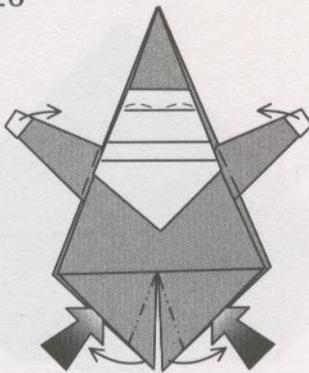


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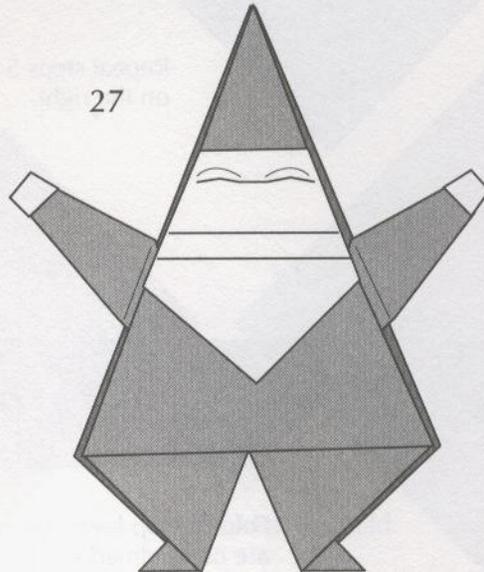
Fold out the arms.

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Fold the legs, lift up to form eyes, and bend the arms towards the front.

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